Regulatory Language

Subsection (a)(1)(C) of Section 165, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§165. Commercial Harvesting of Kelp and Other Aquatic Plants.

- (a) General License Provisions. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6651 of the Fish and Game Code, no kelp or other aquatic plants may be harvested for commercial purposes except under a revocable license issued by the department pursuant to this section or a marine aquaria collector's permit issued pursuant to Section 8597 of the Fish and Game Code.
 - (1) Any person harvesting kelp or other aquatic plants for commercial purposes shall first obtain a valid license for that purpose and shall have that license on their person or in their immediate possession when engaged in carrying out any activity authorized by the license.
 - (A) Kelp harvesting licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31, inclusive, or if issued after the beginning of that term, for the remainder thereof.
 - (B) Drying Permits for agar-bearing marine plants. Pursuant to Section 6653.5 of the Fish and Game Code, no person shall reduce the moisture content or otherwise dry agar-bearing marine plants harvested from waters of the state except under the authority of a Drying Permit issued by the department. To obtain a Drying Permit, the applicant must choose the Drying Permit option on the Kelp Harvesting License and Drying Application (DFW 658) incorporated by reference in Section 705.1.
 - (C) License applications, informational maps depicting administrative kelp beds (defined in Section 165.5) and maps of fishing blocks (incorporated by reference in Section 705.1) for edible seaweed and agar-bearing marine algae, and Monthly Harvest Reports are available on request by contacting the department's <u>Los Alamitos Seal Beach</u> office by phone at (562) 342-7100.

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[No changes to subsections (a)(2) through (g)]

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 6653 and 6653.5, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 51, 6650, 6651, 6652, 6653, 6653.5, 6654, 6656 and 6680, Fish and Game Code.