

Proposed Emergency Regulatory Language

Section 180.15, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read

§ 180.15. Coonstripe Shrimp (*Pandalus danae*) Fishing.

- (a) No person shall use a vessel to take, possess or land coonstripe shrimp for commercial purposes unless the owner of that vessel has been issued a coonstripe shrimp vessel trap permit for that vessel that has not been suspended or revoked.
- (b) The applicant for a permit shall submit the fees and the completed application, as specified in Section 705, to the address listed on the application.
- (c) Coonstripe shrimp may only be taken for commercial purposes by traps pursuant to this section and sections 180, 180.2, and 180.5, Title 14, CCR.
 - (1) Coonstripe shrimp may not be taken from November 1 through April 30.
 - (2) All coonstripe shrimp taken during the closed season shall immediately be returned to the water. No coonstripe shrimp shall be possessed or landed aboard any commercial fishing vessel during the closed season.
 - (3) Coonstripe shrimp traps may be set and baited no earlier than noon on April 30.
 - (4) All traps must be removed from the water prior to November 1, weather and sea conditions permitting. In the event that a owner or operator is unable to comply with this subsection, then the owner or operator shall send an email to the department's Law Enforcement Division at LEDMarineNotifications@wildlife.ca.gov no later than noon on October 31. The owner or operator must state the reason for the delay and the anticipated date of removal. Notification does not relieve the owner or operator of the responsibility for complying with this subsection unless approved by the department.
 - (5) Definitions
 - (A) Groundline. For the purposes of this regulation a groundline is defined as a line that connects a string of traps and may be anchored on one or both ends.
 - (B) Vertical lines. For the purposes of this regulation vertical lines are defined as lines that connect a buoy to a trap or string of traps.
 - (6) North of the Sonoma/Mendocino county line (38° 46.125' N. latitude) to the California/Oregon border:

- (A) No more than 15 traps shall be attached to a groundline, as defined in subsection (c)(5).
 - (B) No more than 180 vertical lines, as defined in subsection (c)(5), shall be deployed or possessed per vessel.
 - (C) Coonstripe shrimp traps shall not be set, placed or located seaward of the 30 fathom depth contour defined by connecting the appropriate set of waypoints adopted in Federal regulations and published in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations Part 660, Section 660.71 (Revised March 1, 2023) incorporated by reference herein.
- (7) South of the Sonoma/Mendocino county line (38° 46.125' N. latitude) to the U.S./Mexico border:
- (A) No more than 40 traps shall be attached to a groundline, as defined in subsection (c)(5).
 - (B) No more than 60 vertical lines, as defined in subsection (c)(5), shall be deployed or possessed per vessel.
- (d) A control date of February 13, 2025, is established for the purpose of considering a future restricted access coonstripe shrimp trap fishery. Landings on or after this date may not apply toward a permit in a future restricted access program for the coonstripe shrimp trap fishery if one is developed.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 713, 1050, 8591 and 8842, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 1050, 8590, 8591, 8595, 8842, 9001 and 9015, Fish and Game Code.