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FISHERIES ORDINANCE, 2021

FISHING CONTROL NOTICE

CLOSED SEASON FOR LOBSTER

Considering it necessary for the management of the fisheries, the species moratorium and temporal prohibition in this notice is issued in accordance with section 19(1)(a) and (b) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and applies until further notice.

The landing or retention of the following species within the fisheries limits is prohibited during the period commencing 1 October and ending 31 December, inclusive, in any year:

- Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*)
- Stump Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*)

Any Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*) or Stump Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*) caught as bycatch during this period must be returned immediately to the sea and any bycatch so returned will not be considered to have been caught in breach of this notice.

A person who contravenes a fishing control notice commits an offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £25,000.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022.

Gerald Benjamin
Chief Fisheries Officer

FISHERIES ORDINANCE, 2021**FISHING CONTROL NOTICE****MINIMUM LANDING SIZES**

Considering it necessary for the management of the fisheries, the species moratorium in this notice limiting the size of fish that may be landed and retained within the fisheries limits is issued in accordance with section 19(1)(a) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and applies with effect from 1 June 2022 until further notice.

The landing and/or retention of the following marine organisms that do not meet the minimum landing size requirements stated in this notice for the particular species is prohibited:

- **Rock Bullseye** (*Heteropriacanthus cruentatus*) — **20cm** whole length
- **Yellowfin Tuna** (*Thunnus albacares*) and **Bigeye Tuna** (*Thunnus obesus*) — **67cm** straight fork length
- **Grouper** (*Epinephelus adscensionis*) — **35cm** whole length
- **Amber Jack** (*Seriola rivoliana*) **Cavalley** (*Pseudocaranx dentex*) and **Coalfish** (*Caranx lugubris*) — **50cm** straight fork length
- **Spiny Lobster** (*Panulirus echinatus*) — **85mm** carapace length
- **Stump Lobster** (*Scyllarides obtusus*) — **10cm** carapace length
- **Blue Marlin** (*Makaira nigricans*) — **251cm** lower jaw fork length
- **White Marlin** (*Kajikia albida*) — **168cm** lower jaw fork length

Any catches of species below the minimum landing size requirements must be returned immediately to the sea and any catch so returned will not be considered to have been caught in breach of this notice.

For purposes of this notice—

- (a) **Whole length** is measured from the most anterior part of the fish, be it the snout or mouth, all the way to the most posterior part of the caudal fin. This is a straight horizontal measurement, not to be measured at an angle and does not take into account the curvature of the fish.
- (b) **Straight Fork Length** is measured from the most anterior part of the fish, be it the snout or mouth to the most anterior part of the central caudal rays. This is a straight horizontal measurement, not to be measured at an angle and does not take into account the curvature of the fish.

- (c) **Lower jaw fork length** is measured from the most anterior part of the lower jaw to the most anterior part of the central caudal rays. This is a straight horizontal measurement, not to be measured at an angle and does not take into account the curvature of the fish.
- (d) **Carapace Length** is measured from anterior edge of the carapace on the central point between the eyes to the most posterior point of the carapace along the centre line. This is a straight horizontal measurement, not to be measured at an angle and does not take into account the curvature of the fish.

A person who contravenes a fishing control notice commits an offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £25,000.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022.

Gerald Benjamin
Chief Fisheries Officer

No. 223

FISHERIES ORDINANCE, 2021

FISHING CONTROL NOTICE

RESTRICTION OF FISHING METHODS USED TO FISH FOR LOBSTER

Considering it necessary for the management of the fisheries, the fishing method prohibition in this notice is issued in accordance with section 19(1)(d) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and applies until further notice.

The landing or retention of the following species caught by any method other than by pot during the period commencing 1 January and ending 31 March, inclusive, in any year is prohibited:

- Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*)
- Stump Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*)

For the purposes of this notice fishing by pot shall be the placing of any folding or rigid cage device or structure with one or more openings or entrances capable of capturing lobster, crab or other fish.

Any Brown Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus Echinatus*) or Stump Lobster (*Scyllarides Obtusus*) caught by any other method during this period must be returned immediately to the sea and any bycatch so returned will not be considered to have been caught in breach of this notice.

A person who contravenes a fishing control notice commits an offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance and is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £25,000.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022

Gerald Benjamin
Chief Fisheries Officer

FISHERIES ORDINANCE, 2021**FISHING CONTROL NOTICE****RESTRICTION ON USE OF DROPPERS DURING CLOSED SEASON**

Considering it necessary for the management of the fisheries, the fishing method prohibition in this notice is issued in accordance with section 19(1)(d) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and applies until further notice.

The use of a main line with more than one hook attached (droppers) within the fisheries limits is prohibited during the period commencing 1 January and ending 17 March, inclusive, in any year.

This notice does not apply to a person fishing in accordance with the conditions of a St Helena fishing licence issued under the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021.

The Chief Fisheries Officer may grant exemptions to this notice to allow a person to fish for scientific research purposes.

A person who contravenes a fishing control notice commits an offence under section 72(2) of the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021 and is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £25,000.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022.

Gerald Benjamin
Chief Fisheries Officer