

25.15 V-notching Lobsters

1. Mandatory V-notching Requirement

All lobster fishers are required to v-notch all egg bearing female lobsters caught in the process of lobstering.

2. Zero Tolerance of V-notching

V-notched female lobster means any female lobster bearing a v-shaped notch of any size in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the female lobster. V-notched female lobster also means any female, which is mutilated in a manner, which could hide, obscure or obliterate such a mark. The flipper right of the center flipper will be examined when the underside of the lobster is down and its tail is toward the person making the determination.