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THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 2, 6 and 8 of the [Sea Fisheries \(Jersey\) Law 1994](#), having consulted with the Secretary of State and obtained his concurrence, have made the following Regulations –

Commencement [\[see endnotes\]](#)

1 Application

These Regulations apply to Jersey and the territorial sea of Jersey.

2 Minimum size for sea fish

Except as otherwise provided by these Regulations, for the purposes of Article 6 of the [Sea Fisheries \(Jersey\) Law 1994](#), the prescribed size for a description of sea fish mentioned in column 1 of a Part of the Schedule to these Regulations is the size prescribed in column 2 of that Part in respect of that description of sea fish.

3 Exemption – sardines, anchovy, herring, horse mackerel and mackerel

- (1) Regulation 2 shall not apply in respect of sardines, anchovy, herring, horse mackerel and mackerel, within a limit of 10% by live weight of the total catches retained on board of each of those species.
- (2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) the percentage of undersized fish shall be calculated as a proportion by live weight of all sea fish on board after sorting or on landing.
- (3) The percentage may be calculated on the basis of one or more representative samples.
- (4) The limit of 10% shall not be exceeded during transshipment, landing, transportation, storage display or sale.
- (5) Regulation 2 shall not apply in respect of sardines, anchovy, herring, horse mackerel and mackerel caught for live bait and retained on board alive.

4 Exemption – sea fish caught with towed gear of a mesh size less than 32 millimetres

- (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), Regulation 2 shall not apply to sea fish caught with towed gear of a mesh size less than 32 millimetres if they are not sorted and are not sold, displayed or offered for sale for human consumption.
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in respect of target fish for towed nets with mesh sizes less than 32 millimetres as prescribed by the [Sea Fisheries \(Trawling, Netting and Dredging\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#).

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7 Certain sea fish to be retained whole

- (1) Lobsters, crawfish, and bivalve and gastropod molluscs belonging to a species for which a size is prescribed by these Regulations must be retained on board whole.
- (2) Except as provided by paragraphs (3) and (4), edible crabs must be retained on board whole.
- (3) Where edible crabs are caught using pots or creels, a maximum of 1% by weight of the total catch of edible crabs or parts of edible crabs retained on board at any one time during a fishing voyage or landed at the end of a fishing voyage may consist of detached claws.
- (4) Where edible crabs are caught by other gear, a maximum of 75kg of detached claws may be retained on board at any one time during a fishing voyage or be landed at the end of a fishing voyage.

8 Transiting fishing vessels

- (1) This Regulation applies to a fishing boat –
 - (a) that is passing through the area to which these Regulations apply while in the course of a fishing voyage;
 - (b) that while in that area in the course of that voyage has not fished and has had its nets stowed in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the Sea Fisheries (Log Books and Landing Declarations) (Jersey) Regulations 2001; and
 - (c) that does not intend to land fish in Jersey.³
- (2) A fishing boat to which this Regulation applies may have on board sea fish described in column 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations that are smaller than the size prescribed by Regulation 2 in respect of that description of fish.⁴
- (3) Except as otherwise provided by these Regulations, fish referred to in paragraph (2) shall not be smaller than any size prescribed in column 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations in respect of those fish.

9 Measuring sea fish

If more than one size is prescribed by these Regulations in respect of a sea fish, the fish is of the prescribed size if it is equal to or greater than one of those sizes.

10 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001.

SCHEDULE

(Regulations 2 and 8)

PART 1⁵

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length in centimetres of whole fish measured from tip of snout to extreme end of tail fin</i>	
Anchovy (<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>)	12	12
Bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>)	42	42
Black sea-bream (<i>Spondylus cantharus</i>)	23	-
Blue ling (<i>Molva dypterygia</i>)	70	70
Brill (<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>)	30	-
Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	35	35
Conger eel (<i>Conger conger</i>)	58	-
Dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>)	15	-
Flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>)	25	-
Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	30	30
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>)	30	27
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	20	20
Horse mackerel (<i>Trachurus spp.</i>)	15	15
Lemon sole (<i>Microstomus kitt</i>)	25	-
Ling (<i>Molva molvar</i>)	63	63
Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)	20	20
Megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus spp.</i>)	25	20
Mullet (<i>Mugil spp.</i>)	20	-
Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>)	27	27
Pollack (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>)	30	30
Red Mullet (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>)	15	-
Red sea-bream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>)	25	-
Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	35	35
Sardine (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>)	11	11
Shad (<i>Alosa species</i>)	30	-
Sole (<i>Solea spp</i>)	24	24
Turbot (<i>Psetta maximus</i>)	30	-
Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	27	27
Witche (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>)	28	-

PART 2

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length or weight</i>
Bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	6.4 kilograms in weight or 70 centimetres in length measured from tip of snout to extreme end of tail fin

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length or weight</i>
Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	25 kilograms in weight or 125 centimetres in length measured from lower mandible to extreme end of tail fin

PART 3⁶

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length</i>
Bean solen (<i>Pharus legumen</i>)	65 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Carpetshell (<i>Venerupis pullastra</i>)	38 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Clam (<i>Venus verrucosa</i>)	40 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Crabs –	
(a) Chancre (Edible crab) (<i>Cancer pagurus</i>)	15 centimetres measured across the broadest part of the back
(b) Lady crab (Velvet crab) (<i>Necora puber</i>)	6.5 centimetres measured across the broadest part of the back
(c) Spider crab (<i>Maja brachydactyla</i>)	A carapace length of 12 centimetres being the length measured from between the 2 horns to the rear end of the body shell along the centre line of the body shell
Crawfish (<i>Palinurus spp.</i>)	110 millimetres measured as the length of the body from the tip of the rostrum to the midpoint of the distal edge of the body shell
Donax clam (<i>Donax spp.</i>)	25 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Hard clam (<i>Callista chione</i>)	60 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Grooved carpetshell (<i>Ruditapes decussatus</i>)	40 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Lobster (<i>Homarus gammarus</i>)	88 millimetres measured from the rear of either eye socket to the rear end of the body shell along a line parallel to the centre line of the body shell
Nephrops (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>) –	

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length</i>
(a) whole Nephrops	25 millimetres measured from the rear of either eye socket to the rear end of the body shell along a line parallel to the centre line of the body shell or a total length of 85 millimetres measured from the tip of the rostrum to the rear end of the telson, not including the bristles (<i>setae</i>)
(b) tail only	46 millimetres measured from the front edge of the first segment present of the tail to the rear end of the telson, not including the bristles (<i>setae</i>)
Ormer (<i>Haliotis tuberculata</i>)	9 centimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Prawn (<i>Palaemon serratus</i>)	50 millimetres measured from the tip of the rostrum to the rear end of the telson
Razor clam (<i>Ensis spp.</i>)	10 centimetres measured across the longest part of the shell
Scallop (<i>Pecten maximus</i>)	102 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Short-necked clam (<i>Ruditapes philippinarum</i>)	40 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Surf clam (<i>Spisula solida</i>)	25 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Queen scallop (<i>Chlamys spp.</i>)	40 millimetres measured across the broadest part of the shell
Whelk (<i>Buccinum undatum</i>)	45 millimetres long

PART 4

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Octopus (<i>Octopus vulgaris</i>)	750 grammes

PART 5

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Fish</i>	<i>Length</i>

Deepwater rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostis*)

22 millimetres measured from the rear of either eye socket to the rear of the body shell along a line parallel to the centre line of the body shell

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001	R&O.193/2001	1 January 2002
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 2002	R&O.90/2002	11 September 2002
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 2005	R&O.23/2005	12 April 2005
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 2007	R&O.24/2007	6 February 2007
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 2007	R&O.79/2007	26 June 2007
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 2016	R&O.68/2016	5 July 2016
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No.6) (Jersey) Regulations 2018	R&O.88/2018	18 September 2018
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations 2019	R&O.38/2019	28 May 2019
Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 2024	R&O.39/2024	1 August 2024

Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
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Table of Endnote References

¹ Regulation 5	deleted by R&O.39/2024
² Regulation 6	deleted by R&O.39/2024
³ Regulation 8(1)	amended by R&O.79/2007
⁴ Regulation 8(2)	amended by R&O.79/2007
⁵ Schedule	Part 1 amended by R&O.23/2005, R&O.68/2016
⁶ Schedule	Part 3 amended by R&O.90/2002, R&O.24/2007, R&O.79/2007, R&O.88/2018, R&O.38/2019, R&O.39/2024