

CONDITIONS OF 2017/ 2018 RED SEA URCHIN LICENCE
Licence Period: August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018

Authority

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has authority to set licence conditions under subsection 22(1) of the Fishery (General) Regulations for the proper management and control of fisheries and the conservation and protection of fish.

Persons fishing under authority of this licence may only do so in accordance with the conditions stated below.

Also, it is the responsibility of individual fishers to be informed of, and comply with, the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder, in addition to these conditions.

For information on management of the Red Sea Urchin fishery obtain a copy of the current Red Sea Urchin - Integrated Fisheries Management Plan. The Management Plan is intended for general information purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between the Plan and the Fisheries Act and regulations or these conditions, the Fisheries Act and regulations and these conditions prevail.

PART 1

Application

This Part applies to fishing for Red Sea Urchin.

Definitions

"Area" and "Subarea" have the same meaning as in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007.

"container" means a mesh pick bag, a mesh transport bag, a plastic tote, or a cage used for the gathering, handling or transportation of Red Sea Urchin.

"Department" means the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

"discarded" means not placing the Red Sea Urchin in a container or removing a Red Sea Urchin from a container and not validating that Red Sea Urchin.

"fishing trip" means the time between leaving port to commence commercial Red Sea Urchin fishing and the return to a port or offloading of catch that results in a discontinuation of fishing for 24 hours or longer.

"Hail-out Report" means the report made to a designated Red Sea Urchin service

provider prior to embarking on a fishing trip.

"Hail-in Report" means the report made to a designated Red Sea Urchin service provider prior to landing Red Sea Urchin or after a fishing trip.

"harvested" means removing, by any means, Red Sea Urchin from the substrate of the ocean floor.

"landed" or "landing" means the transfer of Red Sea Urchin from a vessel in water to land.

"observer" means an individual who has been designated as an observer by the Regional Director-General for Pacific Region pursuant to section 39 of the Fishery (General) Regulations.

"Quota Area" means those areas enumerated and described in Appendix 8 of the current Red Sea Urchin - Integrated Fisheries Management Plan.

"tranship" means the transfer of Red Sea Urchin from a vessel to another vessel.

"validated" means Red Sea Urchin have been weighed by an observer and the weight entered into the Red Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log (see sections 10 and 12) or an alternative log approved by the Department.

"vessel registration number (VRN)" means the number assigned to a vessel by the Department at the time the vessel is registered as a fishing vessel.

1. Species of fish permitted to be taken:

Red Sea Urchin (*Strongylocentrotus franciscanus*)

2. Licence Expiry Date:

This licence expires on July 31, 2018.

3. Quantities permitted to be taken:

(1) The maximum quantity of Red Sea Urchin authorized to be taken under this licence shall not exceed the limit on the current Red Sea Urchin licence.

4. Minimum size limit:

The minimum size of Red Sea Urchin that may be taken is 90 mm in shell diameter, measured between the spines, through the greatest diameter of the shell.

5. Waters in which fishing is permitted:

Area of fishing is as set out in this licence.

6. Fishing gear permitted to be used:

Hand picking by divers only. Suction devices are not permitted to be used.

7. Fishing Multiple Quota Areas

All Red Sea Urchin caught in a Quota Area shall be landed or transhipped prior to the commencement of fishing in a new Quota Area.

8. The type, size and marking of containers to hold or transport Red Sea Urchin and the marking of such containers:

(1) All Red Sea Urchin delivered to designated landing ports or transhipped from the licensed vessel to another vessel licensed for the transportation of fish shall be placed in containers which are labelled. The label shall be waterproof and marked with the vessel name and vessel registration number of the vessel used to harvest that product.

(2) All harvested Red Sea Urchin that are contained in "pick bags" or any other type of container and left unattended in the water shall be labelled. The label shall be waterproof and marked with the vessel name and vessel registration number of the vessel used to harvest that product. Floats attached to containers left unattended in the water shall be marked with the vessel registration number.

9. Transhipment:

Red Sea Urchin may be transhipped from the licensed vessel to another vessel licensed for the transportation of fish provided the vessel master complies with the following conditions:

- (1) all Red Sea Urchin are in containers and tagged as per section 7;
- (2) the number of containers are recorded in the log;
- (3) the "packer weight" (determined by subtracting the weight of the containers from the weight of the product) is recorded in the log;
- (4) a copy of the log accompanies the product to the designated port; and
- (5) the product is landed at a designated port and validated by an observer.

10. Locations permitted for the landing of Red Sea Urchin:

Red Sea Urchin shall be landed at one of the following ports:

(1) North Coast: Queen Charlotte City, Masset, Prince Rupert, Port Edward, Klemtu, Bella Bella, or Port Hardy.

(2) South Coast: Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Kelsey Bay, Campbell River, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, Ucluelet, Steveston, or Vancouver.

This condition applies to both the licensed vessel and, if the vessel master chooses to tranship his catch to another vessel, to the vessel receiving the Red Sea Urchin.

11. Validation:

(See Explanatory Note after section 15)

(1) All Red Sea Urchin harvested or removed from the sea bed floor under the authority of this licence shall be validated at the point and time the fish are landed.

(2) Prior to validation of Red Sea Urchin no person shall:

(a) smash the shells or slit the membranes of the Red Sea Urchin to drain the waters; or

(b) dump, throw overboard, or otherwise discard Red Sea Urchin which have been harvested and retained in accordance with the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder.

(3) Subject to subsection 10(3)(a), all weights shall be determined using a scale approved by Industry Canada.

(a) Registered participants in the live-market validation pilot program shall validate their catch by undrained weight or by volume in the manner set out in the Alternate Validation Pilot Program Protocol sheet available to registrants from the resource manager.

(4) The vessel master of the licensed vessel or, if the catch is transhipped to another vessel, the vessel master of that vessel shall provide the observer with a hard copy of the Validation & Harvest Logbook upon completion of each validation.

(5) The vessel master of the licensed vessel or, if the catch is transhipped to another vessel, the vessel master of that vessel shall provide to the observer at the point of landing, access to the vessel's fish holds, freezers and other fish storage areas at any time during the landing.

12. Oral Reports:

(1) Hail-out Report

Not less than 24 hours before a fishing trip, the vessel master shall make a Hail-out Report by contacting the designated Red Sea Urchin service provider at (800) 775-5505 and report the following information:

(a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;

- (b) species to be fished (i.e. Red Sea Urchin);
- (c) Subarea(s) to be fished;
- (d) anticipated time of arrival at the fishing location; and
- (e) anticipated time that fishing will begin.

(2) Upon failure to arrive at fishing location within 24 hours of time stated under subsection 11(1)(d), the vessel master shall report the following information to the designated Red Sea Urchin service provider:

- (a) vessel name and vessel registration number; and
- (b) details of change in fishing plans.

(3) At least 24 hours prior to moving to a new Quota Area, the vessel master shall report the following information to the designated Red Sea Urchin service provider:

- (a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (b) species to be fished (i.e. Red Sea Urchin);
- (c) Subarea(s) to be fished;
- (d) anticipated time of arrival at the fishing location; and
- (e) anticipated time that fishing will begin.

(4) Cancellation of fishing trip:

Should the vessel master decide not to fish after having made a Hail-out Report, the vessel master shall make a Hail-in Report by contacting the Red Sea Urchin service provider to indicate that no fishing occurred within 24 hours of the time stated under subsection 11(1)(e).

(5) Hail-in Report:

(a) Where the vessel is not landing Red Sea Urchin (i.e. Red Sea Urchin has been transhipped at sea):

Not more than 24 hours after a fishing trip, the vessel master shall make a Hail-in Report by contacting the designated Red Sea Urchin service provider at (800) 775-5505 to report the following information:

- (i) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (ii) species fished (i.e. Red Sea Urchin);
- (iii) Subarea(s) fished; and
- (iv) time that fishing stopped.

(b) Where the vessel is landing Red Sea Urchin ashore:

At least 24 hours prior to landing Red Sea Urchin, the vessel master shall make a Hail-in Report by contacting the designated Red Sea Urchin service provider at (800) 775-5505 to report the following information:

- (i) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (ii) species to be landed (i.e. Red Sea Urchin);
- (iii) name of the designated port and location therein where the catch shall be landed;
- (iv) anticipated time of landing;
- (v) name of fish processor or buyer that is buying or transporting the catch; and
- (vi) if applicable, the method of transporting the catch to a fish processor.

13. Harvest Logs and Chart Data:
(See Explanatory Note after section 15)

(1) The vessel master shall maintain a log of all harvest operations and provide this information in both hard (paper) copy and electronic copy to the Department. The content and format of this log (paper and electronic) shall meet the requirements as defined by the Shellfish Data Unit for the current licence year.

(2) The harvest and fishing location information recorded in the log shall be complete and accurate.

(3) The information for each day's harvest operations shall be recorded in the log not later than midnight of that day.

(4) The log shall be kept on board the licensed vessel.

(5) The log shall be produced for examination on demand of a fishery officer, fishery guardian or an observer.

(6) The vessel master shall provide a chart record for each day's harvest operations, indicating the locations fished, to the service provider contracted by the Pacific Urchin Harvesters Association, within one month of the harvesting having occurred.

(a) The chart shall be marked with:

- (i) the vessel registration number;
- (ii) the licence tab number; and
- (iii) the validation I.D. numbers.

The validation I.D. number is the unique page number assigned to each validation page of the Red Sea Urchin Validation and Harvest Log.

(b) Each harvest site shall be clearly marked on the chart with dive number, validation I.D. number and the dates that fishing activity occurred at each site. The dive numbers on the chart record shall correspond to the dive numbers in the log.

(c) The information for each day's harvest operations shall be recorded on the chart record not later than midnight of that day and provided to the service provider within one month of that day's harvest operations.

(7) The vessel master shall make provisions to have chart information referred to in subsection 12(6) electronically captured into Geographic Information System (GIS) software that meets the requirements as defined by the Shellfish Data Unit for the current licence year.

(8) The completed log pages (business copy) and electronic copy of the log shall be available within 28 days following the end of each month in which fishing occurred, to:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Shellfish Data Unit
Pacific Biological Station
Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo BC V9T 6N7

Tel: (250) 756-7022 or (250) 756-7306

(9) In the event that a licence holder does not fish during the current fishing season, the licence holder shall submit a nil report. One page from the harvest logbook identifying the vessel, licence tab number and the year with 'nil' entered in the body of the log and signed by the licence holder constitutes a nil report.

14. Fish Slips:

(1) An accurate written report shall be provided on a fish slip of all fish caught and retained under the authority of this licence.

(2) A report shall be made even if the fish are used for bait, personal consumption or disposed of otherwise.

(3) The report shall be mailed not later than seven days after the offloading and sent to:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Branch, FM Data Unit
Suite 200 - 401 Burrard Street
Vancouver B.C. V6C 3S4

Fish slips may be downloaded and printed at <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/fishslips-carnets/index-eng.html>. Fish slip books may also be ordered from the printer at user cost at <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/fishslips-carnets/index-eng.html>. Phone (604) 666-2716 for more information.

15. Workers' Compensation Board Requirements

All Red Sea Urchin divers shall be in possession of a Workers' Compensation Board Seafood Harvesting Diving Certificate.

Explanatory Note - Harvest Log, Chart Data and Validation: The Red Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log issued by the service provider contracted by the Pacific Urchin Harvesters' Association is approved for both form and content by the Shellfish Data Unit. This service provider will provide the logbook and coding, data entry, electronic chart data capture and validation services.

