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**Section 15312.1. Commercial Harvest of Trochus (*Trochus niloticus*) (Aliling).**

(a) **Size Limit.** The commercial harvest of Trochus shall be limited to shells with a base diameter of four (4) inches or greater and for local sale only (see illustration). There shall be no commercial export of Trochus. This applies to live and dead Trochus collected.

(See Exhibit 7)

(b) **Bag Limit.** No more than one thousand (1,000) pieces of Trochus can be taken per person per year for local commercial sale. All Trochus must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen. The Island-wide total commercial harvest shall be set at ten thousand (10,000) pieces annually, and once this total is obtained the season shall be closed.

(c) **Area.** The commercial harvesting of *Trochus* is prohibited shoreward of the outer edge of the fringing reef (reef margin). This includes the lagoons and channels that extend shoreward from the outer edge of the fringing reef. The harvest of Trochus from "Marine Preserves" is prohibited.

(d) **Season.** Commercial harvest of *Trochus* for locals shall be permitted all year provided the harvest limit is not met. Once ten thousand (10,000) pieces have been taken Island-wide, this commercial fishery will be closed for the remainder of the year. The commercial season shall be regulated on a fiscal year basis, which will begin on October 1 of each year.

(e) **License.** All individuals shall be required to obtain a license from the Department of Agriculture to harvest *Trochus* for commercial purposes. This licenses will be valid for one (1) year and cost Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per person. The license must be kept within easy access when collecting or selling *Trochus* or any part thereof. Anyone selling *Trochus* must have a valid license or be able to provide the license number of the individual who sold the *Trochus* to them.

**Section 15312.2. Harvest of *Trochus* for Personal Use. (a) Size Limit.** Harvesting of *Trochus* for personal use shall be limited to shells with base diameters of three (3) inches or greater (see illustration).

(b) **Bag Limit.** Each person is allowed fifty (50) *Trochus* per day, including shells. All *Trochus* must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen.

(c) Shells of *Trochus* taken for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(d) No more than twenty (20) locally caught pieces of *Trochus* may be hand carried as export from Guam.

**Section 15312.3. Commercial Harvest of Tridacnid Clams (Giant Clams), (*Tridacna maxima*, *Tridacna*, *squamosa*, *Tridacna derasa* or any other *Tridacna* spp. And *Hippopus hippopus* (*Hima*).** No commercial harvesting of the above- listed species of clams shall be allowed. This does not include cultured clams in a Department of Agriculture approved culture facility.

**Subsection 15312.4. Harvest of Tridacnid Clams (Giant Clams) for Personal Use. (a) Size Limit.** For personal use, the take of Tridacnid clams shall be limited to shells having a valve (shell) length not less than seven (7) inches (see illustration).

(See Exhibit 8)

(b) **Bag Limit.** For personal use, each person is allowed no more than three (3) clams, shells included, per day. Tridacnid clams must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen, this prohibits harvesting only the meat portion of the clam.

(c) Shells of Tridacnid clams taken for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(d) **Area.** Harvesting of Tridacnid clams for personal use is prohibited in "Marine Preserves."

**Section 15312.5. Commercial Harvest of Marine Gastropods and Bivalves Other Than *Trochus* and *Tridacna*.** No commercial harvest of fresh or locally- caught marine gastropods and bivalves shall be permitted (see special regulations for *Trochus* and Giant Clam).

**Section 15312.6. Harvest of Marine Gastropods Other Than *Trochus* for Personal Use. (a) Bag Limit.** Harvest shall be limited to thirty (30) pieces, shells included of

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mixed gastropods per person per day (see special regulations for Trochus and Giant Clam). Marine gastropods harvest must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen. Ornamental shell collectors shall be limited to ten (10) specimens per species and can possess the shell without having to preserve the animal. Any fragments of shells shall count as one (1) specimen.

(1) Marine gastropods taken for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(2) Exception: The personal harvest of selected conchs is permitted. No more than one thousand (1,000) per day per person combined of the species *Strombus fragilis*, *Strombus gibberelus*, *Strombus Luhanes*, locally referred to dogas, may be taken.

**Section 15312.7. Harvest of Marine Bivalves (clams, oysters, and mussels) Other Than Tridacna for Personal Use (species specific regulations take priority over this regulations, see Tridacna clams).** (a) Marine bivalves taken locally for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(b) Harvest shall be limited to two hundred (200) pieces, shells included of bivalves combined per person per day. Marine bivalves taken must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen. Ornamental shell collectors shall be limited to ten (10) specimens per species and can possess the shell without having to preserve the animal. A single valve (half of the shell) or any part thereof shall be counted as one (1) specimen.

(c) There shall be no export of locally-caught marine bivalves.

**Subsection 15312.8. Harvest of Other Marine Invertebrates, Including Holothurians and Echinoderms.** (a) Marine invertebrates taken locally for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(b) Harvest shall be limited to one hundred (100) pieces combined per person per day.

(c) There shall be no export of locally-caught marine invertebrate.