

SUBCHAPTER E.

Coconut Crabs.

Section 15314.0. Commercial Harvest of Coconut Crabs.

Section 15314.1. Taking of Coconut Crabs for Personal Use.

Section 15314.0. (a) Size Limit and Individuals with Eggs. The commercial harvest or sale of coconut crabs with a carapace width less than four (4) inches is prohibited (see illustration). Coconut crabs must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen. Any coconut crab not complying with the commercial harvest minimum size requirements must be released immediately. Any coconut crab in confinement will be considered taken and subject to harvest regulations. No coconut crabs shall be taken, while they are carrying eggs. Evidence of removal of eggs (orange to brown colored mass attached under tail) shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this Section of the Regulation. Any sub-legal crab injured due to attempted harvest will be viewed as take.

(Exhibit 11)

(b) **Bag Limit.** No more than fifty (50) individually locally-caught coconut crabs may be sold per year. Coconut crabs must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen.

Section 15314.1. Harvest of Coconut Crab for Personal Use. (a) Size Limit and Individuals with Eggs. For personal use, the harvest of coconut crabs with a carapace with less than three (3) inches is prohibited (see illustration). Any coconut crab not complying with the minimum size requirements must be released immediately. Any coconut crab in confinement will be considered taken and subject to harvest regulations.

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No coconut crabs shall be taken, while they are carrying eggs. Evidence of removal of eggs (orange to brown colored mass attached under tail) shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this Section of the Regulation. Coconut crabs must be preserved whole until cooked. Any sub-legal crab injured due to attempted harvest will be viewed as take.

(b) Shells of coconut crabs taken for personal use shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

(c) **Bag Limit.** For personal use purposes, each person is allowed no more than ten (10) individual coconut crabs per day. Coconut crabs must be preserved whole until cooked or frozen.