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NOTE: Rule-making authority cited for formulation of regulations for the taking of Gastropods and Bivalves by the Director of Agriculture, 5 GCA §§63127 and 60108. These amended Rules were filed with the Legislative Secretary on May 4, 1983.

The regulations for the taking of Gastropods and Bivalves are reprinted here in form as exact as possible to those filed with the Legislative Secretary. For the purpose of uniformity and ease of use, a new system of numbering has been adopted by the Compiler.

§12101. General. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Administrative Adjudication Act by 5 GCA Chapter 9, Article 3, Amendment No. 1 to the Regulations for Taking Gastropods and Bivalves is hereby repealed and the following regulations pertaining to the harvesting of gastropods and bivalves are hereby approved. These Regulations supersede the Department of Agriculture Regulation No. 28 "Taking of Trochus Shells."

§12102. Commercial Harvest of Trochus (Trochus Niloticus) (Aliling). (a) **Season.** Commercial harvesting of trochus is allowed only during the months of May, June and July.

(b) **Harvest Limit.** The total harvest limit of trochus shall be set by the Director of Agriculture before each season. Once this total is attained, the season will be closed for the year.

(c) **Size Limit.** The commercial harvesting of trochus shall be limited to shells with a base diameter of four (4) inches or greater.

(d) **Area.** The commercial harvesting of trochus is prohibited shoreward of the outer edge of the fringing reef. This includes the lagoons and channels that extend shoreward from the outer edge of the fringing reef.

(e) **License.** Each commercial trochus fisherman must obtain a license from the Department of Agriculture. The license fee shall be Twenty- Five Dollars (\$25.00) per person.

§12103. Harvest of Trochus for Home Consumption Purposes. (a) **Season.** For home consumption purposes, the harvesting of trochus shall be allowed all year round.

(b) **Size Limit.** For home consumption purposes, there will be no size limit except as provided in Subsection (d) of this Section.

(c) **Area.** Harvesting of trochus for home consumption is allowed in all areas.

(d) **Bag Limit.** For home consumption purposes, each person is allowed no more than fifty (50) pounds (shells included) per day; provided that not more than ten (10) pounds of which shall consist of shells with base diameters of less than three (3) inches. No trochus with base diameters less than two (2) inches shall be harvested.

§12104. Commercial Harvest of Tridacnid Clams (Tridacna Maxima, Tridacna Squamosa and Hippopus (Hima)). (a) No commercial harvesting of the above-listed species shall be allowed.

§12105. Harvest of Tridacnid Clams for Home Consumption. (a) **Season.** For home consumption purposes, the harvesting of tridacnid clams is allowed only during the months of April, May, June and July.

(b) **Size Limit.** For home consumption purposes, the harvesting of tridacnid clams shall be limited to shells having a valve length of no less than one hundred fifty (150) mm but not more than three hundred (300) mm (5.9" to 11.8").

(c) **Area.** Harvesting of tridacna clams for purposes of home consumption shall be prohibited in the following areas:

- (1) Anae Island, from Nimitz Beach to Facpi Pt.
- (2) Tumon Bay, from Hospital Pt. to Two Lovers Pt.
- (3) Double Reef, from Falcona Beach to Pugua Pt.

(d) **Bag Limit.** For home consumption purposes, each person is allowed no more than twenty (20) pounds (shells included) per day.

§12106. Harvest of Other Edible Gastropods and Bivalves.

Turbo argyrostomus	Ctena delicatula
Turbo setosus	Ctena divergens
Strombus luhuanus	Fragum fragum
Lambis lambis	Gafrarium pectinatum
Lambis truncata	Gafrarium tumidum
Nerita albicilla	Modiolus auriculatus
Vasum ceramicum	Periglypta puerpera
Vasum turbinellus	Periglypta reticulata
Anodontia sternsiana	Quidnipagus palatum
Asaphis violascens	Scutarcopagia scobinata
Saxostrea glomerata	

(a) No commercial harvesting of the above- listed species shall be allowed.

(b) There are no restrictions on taking the above-listed species for home consumption purposes only, when collected by hand.

(c) No dredging equipment shall be utilized to harvest clams and no parts of mangrove species shall be cut to harvest oysters (Saxostrea). Dredging equipment shall be defined as any implement, used to harvest clams, that operates by disturbing the substrate and requires the use of a boat or winch for operation. Small hand implements, used for digging shall not be considered as dredging equipment.

§12107. For Purposes of This Regulation. (a) Commercial Harvesting is defined as the harvesting of gastropods or bivalves for the purpose of selling either the shell or the meat.

(b) Home Consumption is defined as the harvesting of gastropods bivalves for use as food or other purposes for which no parts thereof are sold.

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