

BELIZE:

FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2024

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Repeal and replacement of regulation 3.

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

NO. 126 of 2024

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 87 of the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 12th October, 2024)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Fisheries Regulations, which, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

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p.50

2. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following—

Repeal and replacement of 3.

“Criteria to buy, sell or possess crawfish.

3.–(1) No person shall take in the waters of Belize or buy, sell or have in his possession crawfish—

(a) if the carapace length, measured from the most anterior edge of the groove between the horns, directly above the eyes, along the mid-dorsal line to the rear edge of the carapace, is less than 3 inches or the tail weight is less than 4 ounces;

(b) between the 1st March and the 30th June, inclusive, in any year;

- (c) that is berried, has eggs or spawn;
- (d) that has had the berries, eggs or spawn removed;
- (e) that is moulting or has a soft shell;
- (f) fillet or diced lobster tail meat, except under a special permit issued by the Fisheries Administrator.

(2) No person shall set any lobster trap in the fisheries waters of Belize during the period 1st March to 30th June.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), a person licensed to fish for crawfish may set a lobster trap in the fisheries waters of Belize from the 15th of June if the lobster trap is closed and unable to catch crawfish.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1)-

- (a) crawfish with a carapace length of less than 3 inches may be taken in the fisheries waters for mariculture purposes under special licence granted by the Minister;
- (b) crawfish that is berried, (has eggs), may be taken in the waters of Belize for aquaculture purposes under a special license granted by the Minister.”.

MADE by the Minister responsible for fisheries this 7th day of October, 2024.



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