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PURSE SEINE CONDITIONS

1. Concentrations of fixed gear shall be avoided (Chapter 130, Section 31).
2. Concentration of sport fishing activity shall be avoided.
3. Only species named on the permit may be taken and retained by the permit holder. All other species shall be immediately released alive.
4. The Director may establish buffer zones, restrict areas or otherwise modify the areas authorized in the permit to prevent conflicts.
5. Catch reports may be required by the Director on an annual basis.
6. No dead fish shall be dumped.
7. The Director shall have the power to limit, suspend or revoke this Special Permit if in his judgement, significant damage or disruption to other fisheries is indicated.
8. As a condition of this special permit to purse seine, the permit holder agrees that the Director or his agents shall have the right to board a vessel engaged in the regulated fishery and, in addition, he or his agents shall have the power to immediately suspend fishing operations to protect other fisheries or avoid conflicts between user groups.
9. The Harbormasters of any of the towns or cities bordering the regulated fishing areas listed on the permit shall have the right to board and inspect purse seiners in the listed areas and after consultation with the Director, may with his approval, suspend fishing operation if warranted.
10. Operations will be limited to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
11. The use of spotter planes will be allowed only after 8 A.M. away from residential areas.



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PURSE SEINING/SURFACE GILLNET PERMIT BOATS - BOSTON HARBOR

The following conditions will apply to the permit holder while operating in the defined waters beginning in 1995:

1. Concentrations of fixed gear shall be avoided (Chapter 130, Section 31).
2. Concentrations of sport fishing activity shall be avoided.
3. Only species named on the permit may be taken and retained by the permit holder(s). All other species shall be immediately released alive.
4. The Director may establish buffer zones, restrict areas or otherwise modify the areas authorized in the permit to prevent conflicts.
5. Catch reports shall be filled out on an annual basis as required by the Director.
6. No dead fish shall be dumped.
7. The Director shall have the power to limit, suspend or revoke this Special Permit if in his judgement, significant damage or disruption to other fisheries is indicated.
8. As a condition of this special permit to purse seine the permit holder agrees that the Director or his agents shall have the right to board a vessel engaged in the regulated fishery and, in addition, he or his agents shall have the power to immediately suspend fishing operations to protect other fisheries or avoid conflicts between user groups.
9. The Harbormasters of any of the towns or cities bordering the regulated fishing areas previously listed shall have the right to board and inspect purse seiners in the listed areas and after consultation with the Director, may with his approval, suspend fishing operations if warranted.
10. Operations will be limited to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset.
11. The use of spotter planes will be allowed only after 8 A.M., away from residential areas.

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12. Beginning in 1992, no seines larger than 600 feet (100 fathoms) may be used.
13. All carrier vessels must obtain a Bait Dealers permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

14. RESTRICTED AREAS - BEGINNING IN 1992

- a. **Hingham Bay** - No vessels will be permitted inside Hull Gut and West Gut unless they fish with a hand-hauled net no larger than 400' x 30'. No spotter planes.
- b. **Charles River** - inside a line drawn from Pier 4 in Charlestown to the easternmost Coast Guard Pier.
- c. **Mystic River** - above a line drawn from the end of the Massport concrete pier to the white storage tanks at the Exxon Terminal. Fishing may only be conducted above the Mystic River Bridge from ½ hour before sunrise to 8 A.M. Each purse seine operation is allowed to make one successful set when fishing above the Mystic River Bridge between ½ hour before sunrise until 8 A.M.
- d. **The Chelsea River** - shall be fished on a cooperative basis by entering and leaving as a group with approval of the pilot. No more than one set may be made at a time. Participating vessels will have loaded all fish from the first set before a second set is made.
- e. **Dorchester** - inside a line drawn from U Mass to the "Corita" Gas Tank.
- f. **Neponset River** - above the expressway.
- g. **Marina Bay** - inside the breakwater.
- h. **Wier River** - above red nun #8.
- i. All A designated anchorage areas.
 1. Winthrop - Pleasant Park Yacht Club, Stay to the west of a line drawn from the red n "10" buoy to the west shore of Bell Isle Inlet.
 2. South Boston
 3. Dorchester - Columbia Point inside the closure line.
 4. Quincy - Wallaston Anchorage inside a line drawn from the spire on Squantum to the end of Fenno Street at Quincy Shore Drive.
 5. Quincy - Black Creek, Merrymount.
 6. Quincy - Quincy Yacht Club - Hough's Neck.
 7. Hingham - Crow Point, either side of channel.
 8. Hingham - Town Pier.