Public Hearing Proposals for Addendum XXVII to Lobster FMP

Proposed Implementation Scheduled for Regulations Relevant to Addendum XXVII				
Effective	LCMA1 and Recreational Gulf of Maine	LCMA 3	OCCLCMA and Recreational Outer Cape	Seafood Dealers
Jan 1, 2025	Limit trap tag issuance to trap allocation with no extra trap tags awarded. Minimum carapace size increase from 3 1/4" to 3 5/16".	Limit trap tag issuance to trap allocation with no extra trap tags awarded.	Establish 6 3/4" maximum carapace size for state waters. V-notch standard changes from 1/4" sharp v-notch without setal hairs to 1/8" v-notch with or without setal hairs for state waters.	Minimum carapace size increase from 3 1/4" to 3 5/16". Establish 6 3/4" maximum carapace size for state waters. V-notch standard changes from ½" sharp v-notch without setal hairs to 1/8" v-notch with or without setal hairs for state waters.
Jan 1, 2026	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes
Jan 1, 2027	Minimum carapace size increase from 3 5/16" to 3 3/8".	N/A	N/A	Minimum carapace size increase from 3 5/16" to 3 3/8".
Jan 1, 2028	Trap escape vent size change from 1 15/16" by 5 3/4" rectangular or 2 7/16" circular diameter to 2" by 5 3/4" rectangular or 2 5/8" circular diameter.	N/A	N/A	
Jan 1, 2029	N/A	Maximum carapace size decrease from 6 3/4" to 6 1/2".	Maximum carapace size decrease from 6 3/4" to 6 1/2".	Maximum carapace size decrease from 6 3/4" to 6 1/2".