

ATTENTION RI LOBSTER DEALERS AND LOBSTER FISHERMEN

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006, AN EMERGENCY REGULATION HAS BEEN FILED THAT CHANGES THE DEFINITION OF A V-NOTCHED LOBSTER.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE PROHIBITION ON THE RETAINING, LANDING, OR POSSESSING OF V-NOTCHED FEMALE LOBSTERS.

RIMFC REGULATION 15.20.2 – V-NOTCHED LOBSTERS – NO PERSON SHALL RETAIN ON BOARD, LAND, OR POSSESS ANY V-NOTCHED FEMALE AMERICAN LOBSTER.

NEW V-NOTCH DEFINITION

V-Notched female American lobster:

Any female American lobster with a V-notch mark, or the remnant of a healed v-notch mark in the end part of the right tail flipper adjacent to the middle tail flipper, or any lobster which is mutilated in such a manner which could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark, including a missing (non-regenerating) right tail flipper. A V-Notch shall be a v-shaped notch or the remnant of a healed v-shaped notch, with or without setal hairs, at least 1/8 inch in depth. The right tail flipper is examined with the underside of the female lobster facing down and the tail directed toward the person making the determination. For the purpose of this policy, a naturally regenerating right tail flipper is considered legal.

