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Hawaii Crustacean Fisheries; 2014 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
Lobster Harvest Guideline

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of lobster harvest guideline.

SUMMARY: NMFS establishes the annual harvest guideline for the
commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
for calendar year 2014 at zero lobsters.

DATES: [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
(NWHI) commercial lobster fishery is managed under the Fishery
Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaiian Archipelago. The regulations at §
665.252(b) require NMFS to publish an annual harvest guideline
for lobster Permit Area 1, comprised of Federal waters around the
NWHI. Regulations governing the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National
Monument in the NWHI prohibit the unpermitted removal of monument
resources (§ 404.7), and establish a zero annual harvest
guideline for lobsters (§ 404.10(a)). Accordingly, NMFS

establishes the harvest guideline for the NWHI commercial lobster fishery for calendar year 2014 at zero lobsters. Thus, no harvest of NWHI lobster resources is allowed.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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