



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 665

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**Pacific Island Fisheries; 2023 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 (NWHI) for calendar year 2023 at zero lobsters.

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL
REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the NWHI commercial
lobster fishery under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the
Hawaiian Archipelago. The regulations at 50 CFR 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 (50 CFR 404.7), and establish

a zero annual harvest guideline for lobsters (50 CFR 404.10(a)). Accordingly, NMFS establishes the harvest guideline for the NWHI commercial lobster fishery for calendar year 2023 at zero lobsters. Harvest of NWHI lobster resources is not allowed.

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

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