

# STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

## **DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS) (JERSEY) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 202-**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 28th May 2024  
by the Minister for the Environment  
Earliest date for debate: 16th July 2024**

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## REPORT

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### Introduction

The [Sea Fisheries \(Jersey\) Law 1994](#) (the “1994 Law”) is the overarching Law that makes provision for the regulation of sea fishing and conservation of fish. The [Sea Fisheries \(Minimum Size Limits\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#) (the “2001 Regulations”) is made under Article 2 and 6 of the 1994 Law and prescribes the minimum size of fish that can be retained. An amendment is required to define new a minimum size for lobster. An amendment is also required to remove exemptions in relation to swordfish and bluefin tuna. These draft Regulations make the amendments.

### Detail

The Minister for the Environment has accepted the recommendations of the Lobster Working Group. It is proposed the minimum size for lobster will increase to 90 mm carapace length in one mm increments over a two-year period. This amendment to increase the minimum size from 87 mm to 88 mm is the first phase of this recommendation.

It is also proposed that exemption 5 and 6 in the 2001 Regulations, that allow a maximum of 15% in number below the size prescribed in these Regulations may be landed, is removed, for both swordfish and bluefin tuna respectively.

### Financial and staffing implications

There are no new financial and/or staffing implications.

### Children’s Rights Impact Assessment

A Children’s Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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These Regulations, if made, will amend the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001 (the “2001 Regulations”).

*Regulation 1* introduces the amendments to the 2001 Regulations.

*Regulation 2* removes the exception that permits 15% of a landed swordfish to fall below the minimum size limit by deleting Regulation 5 (exemption – swordfish).

*Regulation 3* removes the exception that permits 15% of landed bluefin tuna to fall below the minimum size limit (if they weigh between 3.5 and 6.4 kilograms and have been caught by accident) by deleting Regulation 6 (exemption – bluefin tuna).

*Regulation 4* amends the entry in the Schedule for Lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) to increase the minimum size limit from 87 mm to 88 mm.

*Regulation 5* gives the title by which these Regulations may be cited and provides that they come into force on 1st August 2024.



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*Made* [date to be inserted]

*Coming into force* [date to be inserted]

**THE STATES** make these Regulations under Articles 2 and 6 of the [Sea Fisheries \(Jersey\) Law 1994](#) –

### **1 [Sea Fisheries \(Minimum Size Limits\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#) amended**

These Regulations amend the [Sea Fisheries \(Minimum Size Limits\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#).

### **2 Regulation 5 (exemption – swordfish) deleted**

Regulation 5 is deleted.

### **3 Regulation 6 (exemption – bluefin tuna) deleted**

Regulation 6 is deleted.

### **4 Schedule amended**

In Part 3 of the Schedule, in the entry “Lobster (*Homarus gammarus*)”, in column 2 for “87” there is substituted “88”.

### **5 Citation and commencement**

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- and come into force on 1st August 2024.