

American Lobster 2025 Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA)-specific management measures.

Management Measure	LCMA 1	LCMA 2	LCMA 3	LCMA 4	LCMA 5	LCMA 6	OCC
<b>Min Gauge Size</b>	3 1/4"	3 3/8"	3 17/32"	3 3/8"	3 3/8"	3 3/8"	3 3/8"
<b>Vent Rect.</b>	1 15/16 X 5 3/4"	2 x 5 3/4"	2 1/16 X 5 3/4"	2 x 5 3/4"	2 x 5 3/4"	2 x 5 3/4"	2 x 5 3/4"
<b>Vent Cir.</b>	2 7/16"	2 5/8"	2 11/16"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"	2 5/8"
<b>V-notch requirement</b>	Mandatory for all eggerters	Mandatory for all legal size eggerters	Mandatory for all eggerters above 42°30'	Mandatory for all eggerters in federal waters. No v-notching in state waters.	Mandatory for all eggerters	None	None
<b>V-Notch Definition<sup>1</sup> (possession)</b>	Zero Tolerance	1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>	1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>	1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>	1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>	1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>	State Permitted fisherman in state waters 1/4" without setal hairs Federal Permit holders 1/8" with or w/out setal hairs <sup>1</sup>
<b>Max. Gauge (male &amp; female)</b>	5"	5 1/4"	6 3/4"	5 1/4"	5 1/4"	5 1/4"	State Waters none Federal Waters 6 3/4"
<b>Season Closure</b>				April 30-May 31 <sup>2</sup>	February 1-March 31 <sup>3</sup>	Sept 8-Nov 28 <sup>4</sup>	February 1-April 30

<sup>1</sup> A v-notched lobster is defined as any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8", with or without setal hairs. It also means any female which is mutilated in a manner that could hide, obscure, or obliterate such a mark.

<sup>2</sup> Pots must be removed from the water by April 30 and un-baited lobster traps may be set one week prior to the season reopening.

<sup>3</sup> During the February 1 – March 31 closure, trap fishermen will have a two week period to remove lobster traps from the water and may set lobster traps one week prior to the end of the closed season.

<sup>4</sup> Two week gear removal and a 2 week grace period for gear removal at beginning of closure. No lobster traps may be baited more than 1 week prior to season reopening.