

Fishery Conservation and Management

§ 665.401

(2) As soon as practicable after December 31 each year, the Regional Administrator will determine the amount harvested by vessels of the United States between July 1 and December 31 of the year that just ended on December 31.

(3) NMFS will release to TALFF an amount of Hawaii precious coral for each exploratory area equal to the quota minus two times the amount

harvested by vessels of the United States in that July 1-December 31 period.

(4) NMFS will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notification of the Regional Administrator's determination and a summary of the information on which it is based as soon as practicable after the determination is made.

(d) Quotas for precious coral permit areas.

Type of coral bed	Name of coral bed	Harvest quota in kilograms	Number of years
Established Beds	Au'au Channel	Black: 5,000	2
	Makapu'u	Pink: 2,000	2
		Gold: 0 (zero)	
Conditional Beds	180 Fathom Bank	Bamboo: 500	2
		Pink: 222	1
		Gold: 67	1
	Brooks Bank	Bamboo: 56	1
		Pink: 444	1
		Gold: 133	1
	Kaena Point	Bamboo: 111	1
		Pink: 67	1
	Keahole Point	Gold: 20	1
		Bamboo: 17	1
		Pink: 67	1
	Refugia	Westpac	Gold: 20
Bamboo: 17			1
Exploratory Area	Hawaii	All: 0 (zero)	
		1,000 per area (all species combined except black corals).	1

Notes:

1. No fishing for coral is authorized in refugia.
2. A moratorium on gold coral harvesting is in effect through June 30, 2013.

§ 665.270 Gold coral harvest moratorium.

Fishing for, taking, or retaining any gold coral in any precious coral permit area is prohibited through June 30, 2013.

Subpart D—Mariana Archipelago Fisheries

§ 665.398 Management area.

The Mariana fishery management area is the EEZ seaward of Guam and CNMI with the inner boundary a line coterminous with the seaward boundaries of Guam and CNMI and the outer boundary a line drawn in such a manner that each point on it is 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, or is coterminous with adjacent international maritime boundaries.

§ 665.399 Area restrictions.

Anchoring by all fishing vessels over 50 ft (15.25 m) LOA is prohibited in the U.S. EEZ seaward of Guam west of 144°30' E. long. except in the event of an emergency caused by ocean conditions or by a vessel malfunction that can be documented.

§ 665.400 Mariana bottomfish fisheries. [Reserved]

§ 665.401 Definitions.

As used in §§ 665.400 through 665.419:

CNMI commercial bottomfish permit means the permit required by § 665.404(a)(2) to engage in commercial fishing for Mariana bottomfish MUS in the CNMI management subarea.

Guam bottomfish permit means the permit required by § 665.404(a)(1) to use a large vessel to fish for, land, or transship Mariana bottomfish MUS shoreward of the outer boundary of the