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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:** January 14, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jarad Makaiau, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 808-944-2108.

**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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