

R.I. Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations
PART XV - LOBSTERS, OTHER CRUSTACEANS,
AND HORSESHOE CRABS

15.20.3 ASMFC Lobster ~~Fishery Conservation~~ Management Area Management Measures

2. Lobster ~~Fishery Conservation~~ Management Area 2 (Inshore Southern New England) –

~~F. Mandatory V-Notching Requirements – There are currently no mandatory V-notching requirements for any person or vessel permitted and declared to fish in LFMA 2.~~

F. Mandatory V-Notching Requirements – Effective June 1, 2012, any person or vessel permitted or declared to fish in LCMA 2, shall be required to v-notch all egg bearing female lobsters and return them to the water immediately.

3. Lobster ~~Fishery Conservation~~ Management Area 3 (Offshore Waters) –

A. Minimum Gauge Size – The minimum gauge size for American lobster in LCMA 3 shall be no lower than 3-1/2 inches (88.90 mm) carapace length. However, effective January 1, 2013, the minimum gauge size for American lobster in LCMA 3 shall be no lower than the carapace length identified in the following schedule. July 1st is the deadline for implementing these minimum gauge size increases. of 3-17/32 inches (89.69 mm).

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA 3</u>	
2001	3-9/32"	(83.34 mm)
2002	3-5/16"	(84.14 mm)
2003	3-11/32"	(84.93 mm)
2004	3-3/8"	(85.72 mm)
2005*	3-13/32""*	(86.52 mm)
2006*	3-7/16""*	(87.31 mm)
2007*	3-15/32""*	(88.11 mm)
2008*	3-1/2""*	(88.90 mm)