Legal Hauling Times for the Maine Lobster Fishery

The following information pertains to both Commercial and Non-Commercial State Licensed Lobster Harvesters in both State and Federal waters

It is unlawful to raise or haul any lobster trap:

SUMMER: During the period 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise from June 1st to September 30th, both days inclusive, and during the period 1/2 hour after sunset until 4 a.m. from October 1st to October 31st, both days inclusive;

WEEKENDS: During the period from 4 p.m., EDST, Saturday to ½ hour before sunrise the following Monday morning from June 1st to August 31st, both days inclusive*.

It is legal to haul lobster traps at any time from Nov 1st to May 31st; it is also legal to set lobster traps at any time throughout the year.

Legal hauling times statewide (as shown on the back) are computed from the times of sunrise and sunset for Augusta Maine as established by the National Almanac Office of the U.S. Naval Observatory and are shown in EDST.

*It is lawful to raise or haul traps during this period if a hurricane warning issued by NWS is in effect for the coastal waters of the State.