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31.05 Horseshoe Crabs - Permit and Reporting requirements

- A. It is unlawful to take horseshoe crabs without a permit from the Commissioner. A permit may be obtained, without charge, upon request to the Department of Marine Resources, State House Station 21, Augusta, Maine 04333-0021.
- B. Reporting: See Chapter 8.20(D) Landings Program

31.10 Horseshoe Crabs - Daily and Possession limits

- A. It is unlawful to take more than 25 horseshoe crabs per person per day.
- B. It is unlawful to possess more than 25 horseshoe crabs per person.

(1) Exception

This regulation does not prohibit the possession of horseshoe crabs lawfully imported from other jurisdictions provided the origin of horseshoe crabs is documented.

- C. It is unlawful to take, kill or possess horseshoe crabs or eggs taken in or from Maine waters, or to intentionally kill or injure horseshoe crabs or eggs in or from Maine waters, between May 1 and October 30, both dates inclusive.

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