



Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2017

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 14th day of August 2017

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

- 1 **Title**
These regulations are the Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Amendment Regulations 2017.
- 2 **Commencement**
These regulations come into force on 14 September 2017.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 2001 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Regulation 79A amended (Requirements for pots used for taking blue cod or octopus)

After regulation 79A(1), insert:

- (1A) However, if a commercial fisher is in quota management area 5,—
- (a) subclause (1) does not apply; but
 - (b) the commercial fisher must not use or have on board a fishing vessel any pot used to take blue cod unless the pot is constructed entirely of square steel mesh with inside dimensions of no less than 54 mm in width.
- (1B) In subclause (1A), **quota management area 5** means the following fishery management areas (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act):
- (a) fishery management area 5—Southland:
 - (b) fishery management area 6—Sub-Antarctic.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 14 September 2017, amend regulation 79A of the Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 2001.

Regulation 79A contains a requirement for mesh pots used for taking blue cod. Currently, the pot mesh inside dimensions must be no less than 48 mm in width.

This requirement is changed for quota management area 5 (fishery management areas 5 and 6—Southland and Sub-Antarctic). In these areas, the minimum blue cod pot mesh size is increased to no less than 54 mm in width.

Regulatory impact statement

The Ministry for Primary Industries produced a regulatory impact statement in June 2017 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/19118>
- <http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/ris>

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