

## Fishery Conservation and Management

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### PART 697—ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

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#### Subpart A—General Provisions

##### § 697.1 Purpose and scope.

The regulations in this part are issued under the authority of section 804(b) of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*, and section 6 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Appropriations Authorization, 16 U.S.C. 1851 note, and govern fishing in the EEZ on the Atlantic Coast for species covered by those acts.

##### § 697.2 Definitions.

(a) In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson-Stevens Act and in

§§ 600.10 and 648.2 of this chapter, for the purposes of this part, the following terms have the following meanings:

*American lobster* or lobster means *Homarus americanus*.

*Approved TED* means any approved TED as defined at § 217.12 of this title.

*Atlantic striped bass* means members of stocks or populations of the species *Morone saxatilis* found in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean north of Key West, FL.

*Atlantic sturgeon* means members of stocks or populations of the species *Acipenser oxyrinchus*.

*Berried female* means a female American lobster bearing eggs attached to the abdominal appendages.

*Block Island Southeast Light* means the aid to navigation light located at Southeast Point, Block Island, RI, and defined as follows: Located at 40°09.2' N. lat., 71°33.1' W. long; is 201 ft (61.3 m) above the water; and is shown from a brick octagonal tower 67 ft (20.4 m) high attached to a dwelling on the southeast point of Block Island, RI.

*BRD* means bycatch reduction device.

*Carapace length* is the straight line measurement from the rear of the eye socket parallel to the center line of the carapace to the posterior edge of the carapace. The carapace is the unsegmented body shell of the American lobster.

*Certified BRD* means any BRD, as defined in part 622, Appendix D of this chapter: Specifications for Certified BRDs.

*Charter or head boat* means any vessel carrying fishing persons or parties for a per capita fee, for a charter fee, or any other type of fee.

*Commercial dive vessel* means any vessel carrying divers for a per capita fee, a charter fee, or any other type of fee.

*Commercial purposes* means for the purpose of selling, trading, transferring, or bartering all or part of the fish harvested.

*Commission* means the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission established under the interstate compact consented to and approved by Congress in Pub. L. 77-539 and Pub. L. 81-721.

*Continuous transit* means that a vessel does not have fishing gear in the