

(e) *Transfer at sea.* A person who fishes for or possesses spiny lobster in or from the EEZ under a bag or possession limit specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section may not transfer a spiny lobster at sea from a fishing vessel to any other vessel, and no person may receive at sea such spiny lobster.

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**§ 640.24 Authorized activities.**

The Assistant Administrator may authorize, for the acquisition of information and date, activities otherwise prohibited by the regulations in this part.

[57 FR 56520, Nov. 30, 1992, as amended at 60 FR 41832, Aug. 14, 1995]

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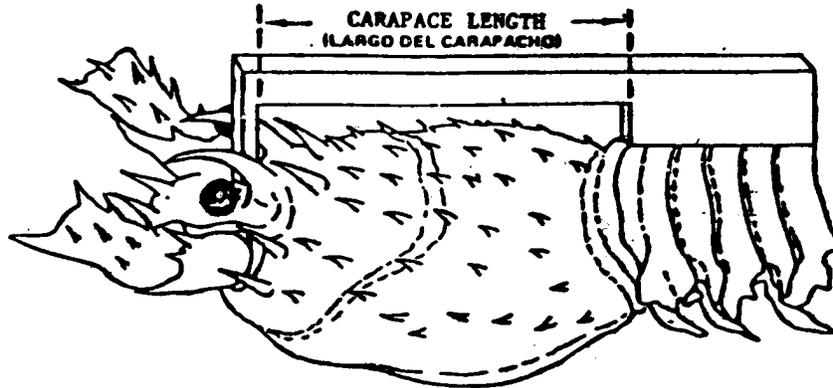


Figure 1

[47 FR 29203, July 2, 1982. Redesignated at 57 FR 56518, Nov. 30, 1992]

**PART 644—ATLANTIC BILLFISHES**

AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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**§ 644.1 Purpose and scope.**

(a) The purpose of this part is to implement the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Billfishes prepared jointly by the South Atlantic, New England, Mid-Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils.

(b) This part governs conservation and management of billfish off the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean coastal states, and regulates the possession or sale in any state of a billfish harvested from its management unit.

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