

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY DECISION

**POLICY TITLE: Sea Urchin/Sea Cucumber
Management**

POLICY NUMBER: POL-C3004

Cancels:

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Termination Date (if applicable):

See Also:

Approved by: 

Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair

The management objectives for the commercial urchin and sea cucumber fisheries are:

- Preserve, protect and perpetuate the long-term sustainable harvest of urchins and sea cucumbers.
- Protect the habitat necessary to sustain these populations.
- Ensure the economic viability of the non-Indian fleet.
- Manage the harvest for a 50/50 allocation among non-Indian and tribal fishers.
- Protect public health and safety.

Approve the concept of effort/fleet reduction including federally-funded buy back programs and Legislative/agency action including:

- Diver-funded buy back programs.
- License "stacking" on one vessel.
- Buying licenses two-for-one.
- Continuation of current landing requirements for license renewals.
- Requirement that license owners be aboard the boat while fishing.
- Individual transferable quotas (ITQs)

Approve the concept of permanent area closures in certain areas to commercial dive fisheries, so that stock refuges and research areas may be maintained.