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Public Notice

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Closure of the Lobster Season

The Fisheries Department takes this opportunity to inform fishers and the public that the Caribbean Spiny Lobster (*Panulirus argus*) season will close on February 28, 2022 in accordance with *Statutory Instrument No. 128 of 2021*. The closed season for Spiny Lobster fishery is from March 1st to June 30th in any year. Belize's closed season is also in accordance with the harmonized regional lobster regulation (OSP-02-09) implemented by the Organization for Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector (OSPESCA).

Any person found in possession of lobster during the said closed season will be prosecuted in accordance with the Fisheries Resources Act Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020.

The Fisheries Department also reminds fishers that lobster traps should be removed from fishing grounds during the closed season. The Department will be actively enforcing the removal of traps from the waters during this period.

The public is advised to report any illegal fisheries activity by calling telephone number: 224-4552 or by email: fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz.

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