

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT SEA FISHERIES (MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS) (JERSEY) AMENDMENT No. 2 REGULATIONS 202-

**Lodged au Greffe on 14th October 2025
by the Minister for the Environment
Earliest date for debate: 25th November 2025**

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REPORT

The King Scallop (*Pecten maximus*) has for many decades been one of the mainstays of Jersey's fisheries. While catches have risen and fallen in the past with changes to the fleet the current upward trend is at odds with other key commercial fisheries in Jersey. Catches have been in a steady increase since 2020 with a high of 1,020 tonnes in 2024 for Jersey vessels.

By increasing the size at which King Scallops can be legally harvested, it ensures that more individuals will reach sexual maturity and contribute to future generations. While increasing the minimum size might mean fewer shellfish are harvested initially, it ultimately leads to more sustainable and productive fisheries in the long run.

This minimum size increase comes at a time when the stock for King Scallop is high, further increasing the resilience in the stock and lessening the impact felt by fishers who rely on this species to make a living. All sectors (commercial and recreational) have been consulted with on this management measure and agree unanimously. This amendment also harmonises legislation in the Normano Breton Gulf between French and Jersey vessels offering simplicity for enforcement and trade of this species.

Financial and staffing implications

There will be no resources implications arising from this decision.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

A Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, if made, will amend Part 3 of the Schedule to the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Regulations 2001.

The minimum size of king scallop (*Pecten maximus*) that can be landed, sold, exposed or offered for sale or retained in possession will increase from 102 mm to 105 mm (measured across the broadest part of the shell).

These Regulations also correct the spelling of the scientific name for king scallop to “*Pecten maximus*”.

These Regulations come into force on 5 December 2025.



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*Made**[date to be inserted]**Coming into force**[date to be inserted]*

THE STATES make these Regulations under Articles 6 and 29 of the [Sea Fisheries \(Jersey\) Law 1994](#) –

1 [Sea Fisheries \(Minimum Size Limits\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#) amended

These Regulations amend the [Sea Fisheries \(Minimum Size Limits\) \(Jersey\) Regulations 2001](#).

2 **Schedule amended**

In the Schedule, Part 3, for the item “Scallop (*Pecten maximus*)” and its entry in column 2 there is substituted –

Scallop (*Pecten maximus*)

105 millimetres measured across the
broadest part of the shell

3 **Citation and commencement**

These Regulations may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 202- and come into force on 5 December 2025.