
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 200

**Crabs and Lobsters (Minimum
Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000**

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

“lobster” means lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus*.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, the size of:—

- (a) lobsters, shall be measured as shown in the illustration of a lobster set out in Schedule 1 as the length of the carapace, parallel to the midline from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace;
- (b) spider crabs shall be measured as shown in the illustration of a spider crab set out in Schedule 1 as the length of the carapace measured along the midline, from the edge of the carapace, between the rostrums to the posterior edge of the carapace; and
- (c) velvet crabs, shall be measured as shown in the illustration of a velvet crab set out in Schedule 1 as the width of the carapace measured across the broadest part, excluding spines, of the back.

“spider crab” means crab of the species *Maia squinado*;

“velvet crab” means crab of the species *Necora puber*.