

**§6433-B. Runners**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the term "runner" means a device on the bottom of a lobster trap that prevents damage to lobster claws and allows the trap to be pulled smoothly out of the water.

[PL 2001, c. 205, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Device to prevent damage to lobster claws.** A lobster trap must have a device attached to the trap that is designed to prevent damage to lobster claws.

A. If stick runners are used:

(1) The runners may be made out of any material;

(2) The runners must be at least 1/4 inch thick; and

(3) A minimum of two runners must be attached to the lobster trap and the runners must be placed on opposite sides of the bottom of the lobster trap. [PL 2001, c. 205, §1 (NEW).]

B. If a 2nd layer of material is used in lieu of stick runners, it must be layered in a manner that creates a mesh size smaller than the base trap mesh when attached to the bottom of the trap. [PL 2001, c. 205, §1 (NEW).]

C. If a device other than a device identified in paragraph A or B is used, the device must be designed to minimize damage to lobster claws and must be approved by the commissioner. [PL 2001, c. 205, §1 (NEW).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2001, c. 205, §1 (NEW).

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