

Prior law, relative to skimmer nets, prohibited the use of double skimmer nets with a frame more than 16 ft. measured horizontally or 12 ft. measured vertically or 20 ft. measured diagonally. Prohibited the use of a double skimmer with a lead line greater than 28 ft. New law limits the size of a double skimmer to no larger than a 72 ft. opening and a lead line no more than 33 ft.

Existing law prohibits a person from tying individual skimmer nets together to exceed the size limitation for double skimmers. New law retains this prohibition.

Prior law prohibited the mounting of a skimmer net or butterfly net more than 24 in. from the side of the vessel. New law repeals prior law.

New law further prohibits the use of a double skimmer net where the horizontal net frame extends more than 20 ft. from the gunwale of the vessel.

Existing law prohibits a person from using sweeper devices, leads, extensions, wings, or other attachments in conjunction with or attached to butterfly nets. New law retains this prohibition for butterfly nets.

Prior law prohibited a person from using sweeper devices, leads, extensions, wings, or other attachments in conjunction with or attached to skimmer nets. New law repeals this prohibition for skimmer nets.

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