

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 15, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Lunsford) --
(at request of the Department of Environmental Conservation) -- read
once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to
extending the authority of the department of environmental conserva-
tion to manage whelk and conch

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 13-0330 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as amended by of chapter 320 of the laws of 2023, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 6. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand
5 [~~twenty-six~~] twenty-nine, fix by regulation measures for the management
6 of whelk or conch (*Busycon* and *Busycotypus* spp.), including size limits,
7 catch and possession limits, open and closed seasons, closed areas,
8 restrictions on the manner of taking and landing, requirements for
9 permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements, require-
10 ments on the amount and type of fishing effort and gear, and require-
11 ments relating to transportation, possession and sale, provided that
12 such regulations are no less restrictive than requirements set forth in
13 this chapter and provided further that such regulations are consistent
14 with the compliance requirements of applicable fishery management plans
15 adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and with
16 applicable provisions of fishery management plans adopted pursuant to
17 the Federal Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1800 et
18 seq.).
19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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