

§§ 665.253–665.259

50 CFR Ch. VI (10–1–11 Edition)

shall notify permit holders of the reporting method, schedule, and logistics at least 30 days prior to the opening of the fishing season.

Hawaii precious coral management unit species (Hawaii precious coral MUS) means any coral of the genus *Corallium* in addition to the following species of corals:

§§ 665.253–665.259 [Reserved]

§ 665.260 **Hawaii precious coral fisheries.** [Reserved]

§ 665.261 **Definitions.**

As used in §§ 665.260 through 665.270:

English common name	Scientific name
Pink coral (also known as red coral)	<i>Corallium secundum</i> , <i>Corallium regale</i> , <i>Corallium laauense</i> .
Gold coral	<i>Gerardia</i> spp., <i>Callogorgia gilberti</i> , <i>Narella</i> spp., <i>Calyptrophora</i> spp.
Bamboo coral	<i>Lepidisis olapa</i> , <i>Acanella</i> spp.
Black coral	<i>Antipathes griggl</i> , <i>Antipathes grandis</i> , <i>Antipathes ulex</i> .

Hawaii precious coral permit area means the area encompassing the precious coral beds within the EEZ around Hawaii. Each bed is designated by a permit area code and assigned to one of the following four categories:

(1) *Established beds.* (i) Makapu'u (Oahu), Permit Area E-B-1, includes the area within a radius of 2.0 nm of a point at 21°18.0' N. lat., 157°32.5' W. long.

(ii) Au'au Channel (Maui), Permit Area E-B-2, includes the area west and south of a point at 21°10' N. lat., 156°40' W. long., and east of a point at 21° N. lat., 157° W. long., and west and north of a point at 20°45' N. lat., 156°40' W. long.

(2) *Conditional beds.* (i) Keahole Point (Hawaii), Permit Area C-B-1, includes the area within a radius of 0.5 nm of a point at 19°46.0' N. lat., 156°06.0' W. long.

(ii) Kaena Point (Oahu), Permit Area C-B-2, includes the area within a radius of 0.5 nm of a point at 21°35.4' N. lat., 158°22.9' W. long.

(iii) Brooks Bank, Permit Area C-B-3, includes the area within a radius of 2.0 nm of a point at 24°06.0' N. lat., 166°48.0' W. long.

(iv) 180 Fathom Bank, Permit Area C-B-4, N.W. of Kure Atoll, includes the area within a radius of 2.0 nm of a point at 28°50.2' N. lat., 178°53.4' W. long.

(3) *Refugia.* Westpac Bed, Permit Area R-1, includes the area within a radius of 2.0 nm of a point at 23°18' N. lat., 162°35' W. long.

(4) *Exploratory areas.* Permit Area X-P-H includes all coral beds, other than established beds, conditional beds, or

refugia, in the EEZ seaward of the State of Hawaii.

§ 665.262 **Permits.**

(a) Any vessel of the United States fishing for, taking, or retaining Hawaii precious coral MUS in any Hawaiian Archipelago precious coral permit area must have a permit issued under § 665.13.

(b) Each permit will be valid for fishing only in the permit area specified on the permit. Precious Coral Permit Areas are defined in § 665.261.

(c) No more than one permit will be valid for any one vessel at any one time.

(d) No more than one permit will be valid for any one person at any one time.

(e) The holder of a valid permit to fish one permit area may obtain a permit to fish another permit area only upon surrendering to the Regional Administrator any current permit for the precious coral fishery issued under § 665.13.

(f) General requirements governing application information, issuance, fees, expiration, replacement, transfer, alteration, display, sanctions, and appeals for permits for the precious coral fishery are contained in § 665.13.

§ 665.263 **Prohibitions.**

In addition to the general prohibitions specified in 50 CFR 600.725 and in 665.15, it is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Use any vessel to fish for, take, retain, possess or land precious coral in