

## **Examples of regulatory language currently in use to define proper stowage of spearfishing gear through restricted areas**

Title 15: Commerce and Foreign Trade

**PART 922—NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

Subpart I—Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary

### **§922.91 Definitions.**

*Stowed and not available for immediate use* means not readily accessible for immediate use, e.g., by being securely covered and lashed to a deck or bulkhead, tied down, unbaited, unloaded, partially disassembled, or stowed for transit.

### **§922.92 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities—Sanctuary-wide.**

(a) Except as specified in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section and in §922.94 regarding additional prohibitions in the research area, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted within the Sanctuary:

(11) Possessing or carrying any fishing gear within the Sanctuary except:

(i) Rod and reel, and handline gear;

(ii) Fishing gear other than rod and reel, handline gear, and spearfishing gear, **provided that it is stowed on a vessel and not available for immediate use;**

(iii) **Spearfishing gear provided that it is stowed on a vessel, not available for immediate use, and the vessel is passing through the Sanctuary without interruption;** and...

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**PART 922—NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

Subpart P—Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

### **§922.162 Definitions.**

*Not available for immediate use* means not readily accessible for immediate use, e.g., by being stowed unbaited in a cabin, locker, rod holder, or similar storage area, or by being securely covered and lashed to a deck or bulkhead.

### **§922.164 Additional activity regulations by Sanctuary area.**

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in §922.163, which apply throughout the Sanctuary, the following regulations apply with respect to activities conducted within the Sanctuary areas described in this section and in Appendix (II) through (VII) to this subpart. Activities located within two or more overlapping Sanctuary areas are concurrently subject to the regulations applicable to each overlapping area.

(iv) **Fishing with, carrying or possessing, except while passing through without interruption or for law enforcement purposes:** pole spears, air rifles, bows and arrows, slings, Hawaiian slings, rubber powered arbaletes, pneumatic and spring-loaded guns or similar devices known as spearguns.

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**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary & American Samoa National Marine Sanctuary**

**Definitions.**

*Stowed and not available for immediate use* means not readily accessible for immediate use, e.g., by being securely covered and lashed to a deck or bulkhead, tied down, unbaited, unloaded, **or partially disassembled (such as spear shafts being kept separate from spear guns).**