

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES**

**§ 1666. Civil Penalties.**

In addition to the compensation described in § 1664, DLNR may assess, per occurrence, a civil penalty according to the following schedule:

(a) For anchoring of a vessel on a coral reef or for any other damage to a coral reef by recreational boaters, a warning shall be given for the first offense. For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of \$500 will be imposed on the responsible party.

(b) For anchoring of a vessel on a coral reef or for any other damage to a coral reef totaling less than or equal to one square meter, \$500 with aggravated circumstances, an additional \$500; if occurring within a marine preserve, an additional \$1,000; and if occurring on a threatened coral species listed under the Endangered Species Act, an additional \$1,500.

(c) For damage totaling more than an area of one square meter but less than or equal to an area of ten square meters, \$1,000 per square meter; with aggravating circumstances, an additional \$500 per square meter; if occurring within a marine preserve, an additional \$500 per square meter; and if occurring on a threatened coral species listed under the Endangered Species Act, an additional \$500.

(d) For damage exceeding an area of ten square meters, \$3,000 per square meter; with aggravating circumstances, an additional \$1,000 per square meter; if occurring within a marine preserve, an additional \$1,000 per square meter; and if occurring on a threatened coral species listed under the Endangered Species Act, an additional \$1,000.

(e) For a second violation, the total penalty may be doubled.

(f) For a third violation, the total penalty may be tripled.

(g) For any violation after a third violation, the total penalty may be quadrupled.

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**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed “schedule;” to “schedule:” in the leading paragraph pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g). The Commission struck figures which were repetitions of written words throughout pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(e).