



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Gillnet Fishermen

Fishing Year 2014 Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan

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The following information is a reminder of the annual gillnet restrictions under the Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan (BDTRP) in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia state waters from June 1 – October 31. Please see the summary below of BDTRP regulations for fishermen using medium and large mesh anchored gillnets in these state waters. This summary is not a substitute for the actual regulations, and we encourage you to review the full text of the regulations, available at

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/trt/bdtrp.htm>. Complete regulations are codified at: 50 CFR 229.35.

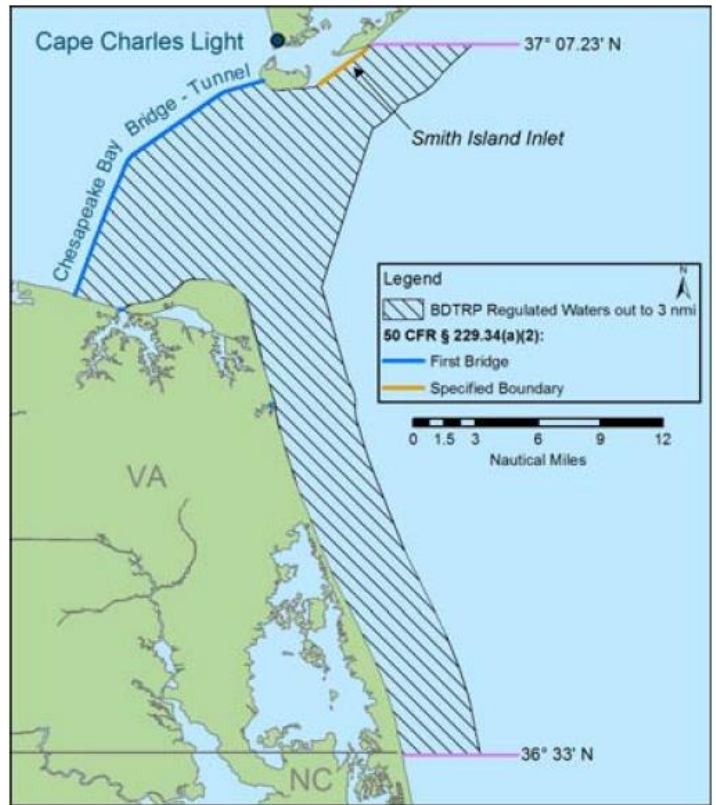
Summary of BDTRP Regulations:

Fishing Area	Gillnet Mesh Size Requirements (Stretched Mesh)		
	Small (≤ 5 inch)	Medium (> 5 in to < 7 in)	Large (≥ 7 inch)
NJ-VA	None	Jun. 1–October 31: Anchored gillnets- A person may not fish with anchored gillnets at night unless they remain within 0.5 nm (0.93 km) of the closest portion of each gillnet. Additionally, all gear must be removed from water and stowed onboard the vessel before returning to port.	Jun. 1–October 31: Anchored gillnets- A person may not fish with anchored gillnets at night unless they remain within 0.5 nm (0.93 km) of the closest portion of each gillnet. Additionally, all gear must be removed from water and stowed onboard the vessel before returning to port.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.

Regulated Waters:

New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia state waters, which includes fishing areas between 40°30'N and 36°33'N and marine and tidal waters within 3 nautical miles of shore:



Exempted Waters:

This regulation does not apply to waters landward of the first bridge over any embayment, harbor or inlet; the following boundaries are also exempted from the regulation:

Barnegat Inlet	39°45.90' N. 74°05.90' W. TO 39°45.15' N. 74°06.20' W.
Beach Haven to Brigantine Inlet	39°30.70' N. 74°16.70' W. TO 39°26.30' N. 74°19.75' W.
Cape May Inlet	38°56.20' N. 74°51.70' W. TO 38°56.20' N. 74°51.90' W.
Delaware Bay	72 COLREGS demarcation line
Ocean City Inlet	38°19.48' N. 75°05.10' W. TO 38°19.35' N. 75°05.25' W.
Chincoteague to Ship Shoal Inlet	72 COLREGS demarcation line
Little Inlet	37°11.10' N. 75°49.30' W. TO 37°10.65' N. 75°49.60' W.
Smith Island Inlet	37°07.00' N. 75°53.75' W. TO 37°05.30' N. 75°56.' W.