



NOAA FISHERIES

Protected Resources

**For more information
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Service:**

**Greater Atlantic Region
978-281-9328**

or

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727-209-5952**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Regardless of fishery category, all marine mammal incidental injuries and deaths of occurring as a result of commercial fishing operations must be reported to NMFS.

How To Report

Visit <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/mmap/>

Fill out online form or download form and submit by one of the following methods:

Mail: Address to
National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Fax: 301-713-0376

Email: nmfs.mireport@noaa.gov as an attachment

List of Fisheries (LOF)

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires that every U.S. commercial fishery be placed in one of three categories, depending on the frequency of serious injury or death of marine mammals incidental to fishing operations.

Fisheries having frequent incidental serious injury/mortality interactions with marine mammals are designated as Category I fisheries. Fisheries having occasional marine mammal serious injury/mortality interactions are designated as Category II fisheries. Finally, those fisheries having a remote or no likelihood of serious injury/mortality of marine mammals are placed in Category III.

Together, the lists of fisheries in each category comprise the MMPA List of Fisheries. NOAA Fisheries reviews the best available information on marine mammal bycatch in U.S. fisheries for all coasts and publishes an official List of Fisheries in the Federal Register each year.

Depending on what category a fishery is placed in, participating fishermen must comply with different regulations designed to recover and sustain marine mammal populations. Fishermen participating in Category I and II fisheries must also comply with applicable take reduction plans.

For more information about fishery classification criteria as well as other information about the List of Fisheries, including the List of Fisheries publications from 1996 to the present, visit the NOAA Fisheries website at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/lof/

Atlantic, Caribbean & Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Affected by Take Reduction

Plans or Strategies

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan	Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan
Atlantic blue crab trap/pot	Atlantic blue crab trap/pot
Atlantic mixed species trap/pot	Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet
Mid-Atlantic gillnet	Mid-Atlantic gillnet
Northeast sink gillnet	Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine
Northeast anchored float gillnet	Mid-Atlantic menhaden purse seine
Northeast drift gillnet	North Carolina inshore gillnet
Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot	North Carolina long haul seine
Southeast Atlantic gillnet	North Carolina roe mullet stop net
Southeastern, U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot	Southeast Atlantic gillnet
Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet	Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet
Atlantic Trawl Gear Take Reduction Strategy	Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl
Northeast bottom trawl	Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot
Northeast mid-water trawl (including pair trawl)	Virginia pound net
Mid-Atlantic mid-water trawl (including pair trawl)	Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan
Mid-Atlantic bottom trawl	Northeast sink gillnet
	Mid-Atlantic gillnet
	Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan
	Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico large pelagics longline

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