

2016 Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico Category I & II Fishery Definition Reference

Gear Type	Fishery	Cat.	Location & Details
Gillnet	<i>Northeast sink gillnet</i>	I	U.S./Canada border to Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long., south to VA/NC border & east to the EEZ.
	<i>Northeast anchored float gillnet</i>	II	U.S./Canada border to Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long., south to VA/NC border & east to the EEZ.
	<i>Northeast drift gillnet</i>	II	U.S./Canada border to Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long., south to VA/NC border & east to the EEZ. Includes any residual large pelagic driftnet effort in New England.
	<i>Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet</i>	II	Between the Chesapeake Bay/Bridge Tunnel & mainland
	<i>Mid-Atlantic gillnet</i>	I	West of 72° 30' W long., south to VA/NC border, east to the EEZ & north of the NC/SC border. Includes any residual large pelagic driftnet effort in the Mid-Atlantic; any shark & dogfish gillnet effort, & all NC beach-anchored gillnets fished in the manner of a seine targeting species such as weakfish, speckled trout, & spot, excluding the Atlantic Ocean striped bass beach seine fishery.
	<i>North Carolina inshore gillnet</i>	II	Inshore of the COLREGS lines in NC.
	<i>Southeast Atlantic gillnet</i>	II	Waters south of a line extending east from the NC/SC border to the EEZ, & east of the fishery management council demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean/Gulf of Mexico. Excludes shark gillnetting effort using 5-inch or greater stretched mesh south of the SC/GA border.
	<i>Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet (≥ 5 inch stretched mesh)</i>	II	Waters south of line extending east from the SC/GA border to the EEZ.
	<i>Gulf of Mexico gillnet</i>	II	Waters west of fishery management council demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean/Gulf of Mexico & north of U.S./Mexico border.
	<i>High Seas Atlantic highly migratory species drift gillnet</i>	II	On the High Seas - waters outside of the EEZ.
Traps and Pots	<i>Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot</i>	I	Atlantic inshore & offshore waters.
	<i>Atlantic mixed species trap/pot</i>	II	U.S./Canada border south through the waters east of the fishery management demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean & Gulf of Mexico. Excludes other Category I, II, & III trap/pot fisheries already appearing on the List of Fisheries.
	<i>Atlantic blue crab trap/pot</i>	II	From south shore of Long Island, NY at 72° 30' W long. fishery management council demarcation line through the Atlantic Ocean/Gulf of Mexico - includes estuarine, coastal, & offshore waters.
	<i>Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot</i>	II	Includes all estuarine, coastal, & offshore waters in the Atlantic from NC through FL, & in the Gulf of Mexico from FL through TX.
Longline	<i>Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico large pelagic & highly migratory species longline</i>	I	Waters within Atlantic EEZ & on the High Seas (outside of the EEZ).
Trawl	<i>Northeast mid water trawl (including pair trawl)</i>	II	U.S./ Canada border through waters east of 70° W. long. to the intersection of the EEZ, primarily on the continental shelf & throughout the Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, & Southern New England.
	<i>Mid-Atlantic mid-water trawl (including pair trawl & flynet)</i>	II	Cape Cod, MA, to Cape Hatteras, NC, in waters west of 70° W. long. to the intersection of the EEZ & north of a line extending due east from the NC/SC border.
	<i>Northeast bottom trawl</i>	II	From the U.S./ Canada border through waters east of 70° W. long.
	<i>Mid-Atlantic bottom trawl</i>	II	Cape Cod, MA, to Cape Hatteras, NC, in waters west of 70° W. long. & north of a line extending due east from the NC/SC border.
	<i>Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Trawl</i>	II	Pelagic, skimmer, or bottom trawl fisheries in the Atlantic from NC through FL, & in the Gulf of Mexico from FL through TX. Includes all estuarine, coastal, & offshore waters.
	<i>High Seas Atlantic highly migratory species trawl</i>	II	On the High Seas - waters outside of the EEZ.
Seines, Pound & Stop Net	<i>Mid-Atlantic menhaden purse seine</i>	II	Mid-Atlantic region.
	<i>Gulf of Mexico menhaden purse seine</i>	II	Gulf of Mexico.
	<i>Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine</i>	II	Waters west of 72°30' W long. & north of a line extending due east from the NC/SC border.
	<i>North Carolina long haul seine</i>	II	NC state waters.
	<i>Virginia pound net</i>	II	VA state waters, including inside Chesapeake Bay.
	<i>North Carolina roe mullet stop net</i>	II	Off Bogue Banks, NC.
Other High Seas Fisheries	<i>High Seas Atlantic highly migratory species troll</i>	II	On the High Seas- waters outside of the EEZ.
	<i>High Seas Atlantic highly migratory species pole & line</i>	II	On the High Seas- waters outside of the EEZ.
	<i>High Seas Atlantic highly migratory species trawl</i>	II	On the High Seas- waters outside of the EEZ.

*Note the EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) in the U.S. typically extends 200 nautical miles from the coast.

For more detailed descriptions of each fishery, please reference the 2012 List of Fisheries available online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/lof/>