



List of Fisheries (LOF)

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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

- Atlantic blue crab trap/pot
- Atlantic mixed species trap/pot
- Mid-Atlantic gillnet
- Northeast sink gillnet
- Northeast anchored float gillnet
- Northeast drift gillnet
- Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot
- Southeast Atlantic gillnet
- Southeastern, U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet

Atlantic Trawl Gear Take Reduction Strategy

- Northeast bottom trawl
- Northeast mid-water trawl (including pair trawl)
- Mid-Atlantic mid-water trawl (including pair trawl)
- Mid-Atlantic bottom trawl

Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan

- Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico large pelagics longline

Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan

- Atlantic blue crab trap/pot
- Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet
- Mid-Atlantic gillnet
- Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine
- Mid-Atlantic menhaden purse seine
- North Carolina inshore gillnet
- North Carolina long haul seine
- North Carolina roe mullet stop net
- Southeast Atlantic gillnet
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot
- Virginia pound net

Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan

- Northeast sink gillnet
- Mid-Atlantic gillnet

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/>

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