



Take Reduction Plans

Take Reduction Teams (TRTs) are groups of stakeholders, including commercial fishermen, who meet to assist in the recovery or to prevent the depletion of marine mammals that are seriously injured or killed in Category I or II fisheries (i.e., fisheries with frequent or occasional interactions with marine mammals). These teams develop strategies and/or Take Reduction Plans (TRPs) to meet these objectives. Strategies may include regulations accompanied by non-regulatory conservation measures, such as outreach and gear research. Five TRTs and four TRPs may apply to fishermen on the Atlantic coast:

TAKE REDUCTION PLAN	REQUIREMENTS	LOCATION	CONTACTS & MORE INFORMATION
Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan	Trap/pot and gillnet gear modifications & marking requirements (e.g. sinking groundline, weak links, gillnet anchoring, buoy & buoy line marking) as well as seasonal management areas with varying requirements	East coast (ME through FL)	TRP Coordinator Kate Swails 978) 282-8481 Gear Questions Northeast: John Higgins (978) 771-3669 Mid-Atlantic: Glenn Salvador (757) 414-0128 Southeast David Hilton (252) 921-0142 Website www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/Protected/mmp/
Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan	Northeast sink gillnet and Mid-Atlantic gillnet gear modifications including pinger use and time/area closures	ME through NC	Website www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/Protected/mmp/
Atlantic Trawl Gear Strategy	Voluntary measures to reduce bycatch of pilot whales, Atlantic and Common dolphins. for Atlantic trawl fisheries	ME through NC	
Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan	Conservation measures include gear restrictions, proximity requirements, and modifications for gillnets and Virginia pound nets. They also include voluntary gear recommendations for trap/pots.	NJ through FL (east coast)	TRP Coordinator Stacey Horstman (727) 824-5312 Gear Questions Mid-Atlantic: Glenn Salvador (757) 414-0128 Southeast: David Hilton (252) 921-0142 Website www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/trt/bdtrp.html
Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan	Pelagic longline gear modifications, outreach materials, and observer coverage to reduce bycatch of Risso's dolphins and pilot whales	East coast	TRP Coordinator Erin Fougères (727) 824-5312 Website www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/trt/pl-trt.html



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

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