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# Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan & Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Gillnet Summaries

## Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Gillnet Management Areas Summary

The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP) was implemented to reduce serious injuries and deaths of right, humpback, and fin whales due to entanglement in commercial trap/pot and gillnet gear from Maine to Florida. The following table lists dates for ALWTRP gillnet management area restrictions of which fishermen should be aware. Additionally, trap/pot management areas are also in place for trap/pot fisheries (ME-FL).

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan		
Management Area	Dates	Closure or Gear Modifications
<b>Northeast Gillnet Management Areas &amp; Requirements</b>		
Cape Cod Bay Restricted Area	Jan. 1 - May 15	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
	May 16 - Dec. 31	Gear modifications and markings
Stellwagen Bank/ Jeffreys Ledge	Year-round	Gear modifications and markings
Great South Channel Restricted Gillnet Area	April 1 - June 30	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
	July 1 - March 31	Gear modifications and markings
Great South Channel Sliver Restricted Area	Year-round	Gear modifications and markings
Other Northeast Gillnet Waters (Northeast)	Year-round	Gear modifications and markings
<b>Mid-Atlantic Gillnet Management Areas &amp; Requirements</b>		
Other Northeast Gillnet Waters (Mid-Atlantic)	Sept. 1 - May 31	Gear modifications and markings
Mid/South Atlantic Gillnet Waters	Sept. 1 - May 31	Gear modifications and markings
<b>Southeast Gillnet Management Areas &amp; Requirements</b>		
Southeast U.S. Restricted Area North	Nov. 15 - April 15	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
Southeast U.S. Restricted Area South	Dec. 1 - March 31	CLOSED to gillnet fishing with limited exceptions which require gear modifications and markings
Other Southeast Gillnet Waters	Nov. 15 - April 15	Gear modifications and markings
Southeast U.S. Monitoring Area	Dec. 1 - March 31	Gear marking and VMS reporting requirements

## Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan Gillnet Management Areas Summary

The Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan (HPTRP) was implemented to reduce bycatch of harbor porpoise in gillnet fisheries from Maine to the North Carolina/South Carolina border. Management under the HPTRP includes pinger requirements, and seasonal closure areas. The following table lists upcoming dates for Northeast and Mid-Atlantic HPTRP management area restrictions that gillnet fishermen need to know.

Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan		
Northeast Gillnet Fisheries (All)		
Management Area	Dates	Closure or Gear Modifications
Northeast Closure Area	Aug.15 - Sept. 13	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
	Sept. 15 - May 31	Pingers Required
Massachusetts Bay Management Area	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28/29	Pingers Required
	March 1 -31	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
	April 1 - May 31	Pingers Required
Stellwagen Bank Management Area	Nov. 1 - May 31	Pingers Required
Southern New England Management Area	Dec. 1 - May 31	Pingers Required
Cape Cod South Closure Area	March 1 - 31	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
Offshore Management Area	Nov. 1 - May 31	Pingers Required
Cashes Ledge Closure Area	Feb. 1 - 28/29	CLOSED to ALL gillnet fishing
Mid- Atlantic Gillnet Fisheries (Large and Small Mesh Requirements)		
Management Area	Dates Gear Modifications Required	Dates of Gillnet Closure
<i>Large Mesh Gillnet (Mesh Size 7-18 inches)</i>		
Mudhole North Management Area	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31; March 16 - March 31; April 21 - April 30	Feb. 15 - March 15; April 1 - April 20
Mudhole South Management Area	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31; March 16 - March 31; April 21 - April 30	Feb. 1 - March 15; April 1 - April 20
Southern Mid-Atlantic Management Area	Feb. 1 - Feb. 14; March 16 - April 30	Feb. 15 - March 15
<i>Small Mesh Gillnet (Mesh Size &gt;5 inches to &lt; 7 inches)</i>		
Waters off New Jersey Management Area	Jan. 1 - April 30	-
Mudhole North Management Area	Jan. 1 - Feb 14, March 16 - 31, April 21 -	Feb. 15 - March 15
Mudhole South Management Area	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31; March 16 - April 30	Feb. 1 - March 15
Southern Mid-Atlantic Management Area	Feb. 1 - April 30	-