Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan

REGULATIONS FOR:
SOUTHERN VIRGINIA STATE WATERS

Regulated Waters
Marine waters within 3 nautical miles (nmi) of shore; or the first bridge over any embayment, harbor, or inlet; or the following specified boundaries:

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<th>Smith Island Inlet*</th>
<th>37°07.00' N, 75°53.75' W TO 37°05.30' N, 75°56.3' W</th>
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<td>*As described in 50 CFR 229.34 (a) (2)</td>
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GILLNET RESTRICTIONS

Fishing Area:
Between 37° 07.23’N and 36° 33’N.

LARGE MESH ( ≥ 7 in )

From November 1 - December 31

Restriction:
At night, fishing prohibited and gillnet gear must be removed from the water and stowed on board.

Complete regulations are codified at: 50 CFR 229.35
For details, visit: http://www.sero.nmfs.gov/bdtrp.htm

Keyword
Night: Any time one hour after sunset and one hour prior to sunrise. Time of sunset and sunrise is as determined for the date and location in the Nautical Almanac, prepared by the U.S. Naval Observatory.
Regulated Waters
Marine waters within 3 nautical miles (nmi) of shore; or the first bridge over any embayment, harbor, or inlet; or the following specified boundaries:

- **Barnegat Inlet**
  - 39°45.90' N. 74°05.90' W.
  - TO 39°45.15' N. 74°06.20' W.

- **Beach Haven to Brigantine Inlet**
  - 39°30.70' N. 74°16.70' W.
  - TO 39°26.30' N. 74°19.75' W.

- **Cape May Inlet**
  - 38°56.20' N. 74°51.70' W.
  - TO 38°56.20' N. 74°51.90' W.

- **Delaware Bay**
  - 72 COLREGS demarcation line

- **Ocean City Inlet**
  - 38°19.48' N. 75°05.10' W.
  - TO 38°19.35' N. 75°05.25' W.

- **Chincoteague to Ship Shoal Inlet**
  - 72 COLREGS demarcation line

- **Little Inlet**
  - 37°11.10' N. 75°48.30' W.
  - TO 37°10.65' N. 75°49.60' W.

- **Smith Island Inlet**
  - 37°07.00' N. 75°53.75' W.
  - TO 37°05.30' N. 75°56.1' W.

From June 1 - October 31
Restriction:
At night, fishing prohibited with medium and large mesh anchored gillnet gear unless fishermen remain within 0.5 nmi (0.93 km) of the closest portion of each gillnet, remove all gear from the water, and stow on board before returning to port.

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Regulated Waters
Ocean waters within 14.6 nautical miles (nmi) of shore or the 72 COLREGS line.

GILLNET RESTRICTIONS

Fishing Area:
Between 33°52’N. and the fishery management council demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (as described in 50 CFR 600.105).

ALL GILLNET GEAR

Year-Round

Restriction:
Fishermen must remain within 0.25 nmi (0.46 km) of the closest portion of the gillnet at all times and remove all gillnet gear from the water and stow on board before returning to port.

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NON-REGULATORY MEASURES FOR
THE ATLANTIC BLUE CRAB TRAP/POT FISHERY

Gear Modification Recommendations

- Use a sinking or negatively buoyant line, such as nylon or polyester, to minimize excess line floating at the surface.
- Deploy line in an untangled, straight line to help reduce the risk of it coming off the bottom.
- Limit line to minimum length necessary, especially in shallow or slack water.
- Use an inverted or modified bait well to discourage

For a description on how to construct and use an inverted bait well, please visit: www.sero.nmfs.gov/bdtrp/baitwell.htm

Example of an inverted, or modified, bait well. The bait well opening is turned to the inside of the trap. The wire lid is held in place by a canterlevered bungee that holds the lid open when re-baiting, and keeps the lid closed when actively fishing. Photo credit: Georgia DNR

For more information, visit: http://www.sero.nmfs.gov/bdtrp.htm
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Fishing Area:
Between 34°35.4'N. and 33°52'N.

Regulated Waters:
Marine waters within 3 nautical miles (nmi) of shore or the 72 COLREGS line.

**GILLNET RESTRICTIONS**

**Medium Mesh**  
(>5 in to <7 in)

*From November 1 to April 30*

Restriction:
At night, fishing prohibited

**Large Mesh**  
(≥7 in)

*From April 15 to December 15*

Restriction:
Fishing prohibited.

*From December 16 to April 14*

Restriction:
At night, fishing prohibited and gear must be removed from the water and stowed on board.

Key Word
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REGULATIONS FOR:
NORTHERN NORTH CAROLINA STATE WATERS

Regulated Waters:
Marine waters within 3 nautical miles (nmi) of shore or the 72 COLREGS line.

GILLNET RESTRICTIONS

Fishing Area:
Between 36°33’N. and 34°35.4’N.

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<th>Mesh Size</th>
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<td>SMALL MESH (&lt; 5 in)</td>
<td>Fishing prohibited unless net length is less than or equal to 1,000 ft (304.8 m).</td>
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