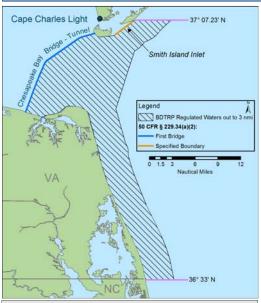




REGULATIONS FOR: SOUTHERN VIRGINIA STATE WATERS



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

Variable

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:

Smith Island Inlet*

37°07.00' N. 75°53.75' W TO 37°05.30' N. 75°56.' W

*As described in 50 CFR 229.34 (a) (2)

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.





REGULATIONS FOR:

NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA STATE WATERS



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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°49.30' 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.' W

GILLNET RESTRICTIONS

Fishing Area:

Between 40°30′N. and 36°33′N.

AND

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.

Key Word

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.





REGULATIONS FOR: SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, AND FLORIDA WATERS



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

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.





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





REGULATIONS FOR: SOUTHERN NORTH CAROLINA STATE WATERS



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

Regulated Waters:

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

GILLNET RESTRICTIONS

Fishing Area:

Between 34°35.4'N. and 33°52'N.

MEDIUM MESH (>5 in to <7 in)

From November 1 April 30

Restriction:

At night, fishing prohibited

Key Word

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.

LARGE MESH (≥7 in)

From April 15 December 15

Restriction:

Fishing prohibited.

From December 16 April 14

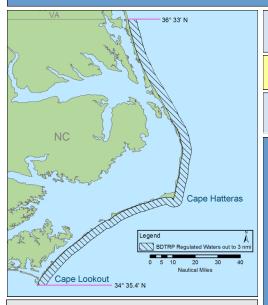
Restriction:

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





REGULATIONS FOR: NORTHERN NORTH CAROLINA STATE WATERS



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

Key Word

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 National Almanac, prepared by the U.S. Naval Observatory.

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.

SMALL MESH $(\leq 5 \text{ in })$

From May 1 Oct. 31

Restriction:

Fishing prohibited unless net length is less than or equal to 1,000 ft (304.8 m). MEDIUM MESH (> 5 in to < 7 in)

From Nov. 1 Apr. 30

Restriction: At night, fishing prohibited

LARGE MESH $(\geq 7 \text{ in })$

From Apr. 15 Dec. 15

Restriction:

Fishing prohibited.

From Dec. 16 Apr. 14

Restriction:

At night, fishing prohibit ed without tie downs.