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Atlantic Take Reduction Teams & 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:

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP)

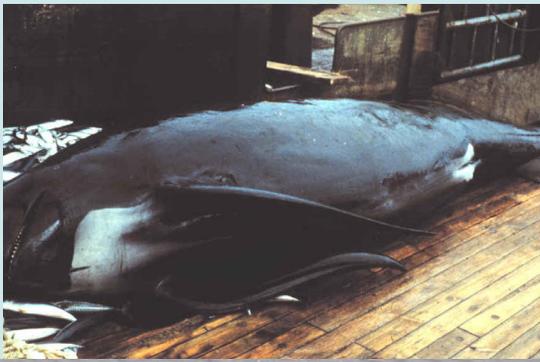
ALWTRP regulations reduce the risk of serious injury & death of the right, humpback & fin whales in commercial gillnet and trap/pot fisheries from Maine through Florida. The ALWTRP establishes gear modifications & marking requirements (e.g. sinking groundline, weak links, gillnet anchoring, buoy & buoy line marking, time area closures, and trap/pot limits) as well as seasonal management areas with varying requirements. New trap/pot gear modifications and trap/pot limits were implemented in 2015. For more information, contact your ALWTRT representative or the ALWTRP Coordinator, Kate Swails, at 978-282-8481 or visit the ALWTRP web page at www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/whaletrp/. If you have questions about gear requirements, please contact the fishery liaison for your area: John Higgins 978-771-3669 (New England), Glenn Salvador 757-414-0128 (Mid-Atlantic), and David Hilton 252-921-0142 (Southeast).

Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan (HPTRP)

HPTRP regulations are intended to reduce the serious injury and death of harbor porpoises in Northeast sink gillnet and Mid-Atlantic gillnet fisheries from Maine through North Carolina. Conservation measures include pinger requirements, gear modifications, and time/area closures. For more information, contact the HPTRP Coordinator, Kate Swails, at 978-282-8481 or visit the HPTRP web page at www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/porptrp/. If you have questions about gear requirements, please contact the fishery liaison for your area (listed above under ALWTRP).

Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan (BDTRP)

The BDTRP reduces serious injury and death of strategic bottlenose dolphin inshore and coastal stocks in gillnet, trap/pot, beach/haul seine, long seine, roe mullet stop nets, menhaden purse seine, pound nets and shrimp trawl fisheries from New Jersey through the east coast of Florida. Conservation measures include gear restrictions and modifications. For more information, contact the BDTRP Coordinator, Stacey Horstman at 727-824-5312 or visit the BDTRP web page at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/trt/bdtrp.htm. For questions regarding gear requirements, please contact the fishery liaison for your area: Glenn Salvador 757-414-0128 (Mid-Atlantic) or David Hilton 252-921-0142 (Southeast).



Atlantic Trawl Gear Take Reduction Strategy (ATGTRS)

The ATGTRS was developed to reduce the serious injury & mortality of pilot whales, common dolphins, & Atlantic white-sided dolphins from interactions with various Atlantic trawl fisheries. Conservation measures include identifying research and outreach strategies, voluntary measures, and a monitoring component. For more information, contact the ATGTRT Coordinator, Kate Swails, at 978-282-8481 or visit the ATGTRT web page at www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/prot_res/atgtrp/. You may also contact the industry liaison for your area (listed under ALWTRP) with specific questions about the voluntary measures.

Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan (PLTRP)

PLTRP regulations are intended to reduce the serious injury and mortality of pilot whales and Risso's dolphins in the mid-Atlantic portion of the Atlantic pelagic longline fishery. The PLTRP includes a special research area, gear modifications, outreach material, observer coverage, and captains' communications. For more information, contact the PLTRT Coordinator, Erin Fougères at 727-824-5312 or Kristy Long at 301-713-2322, or visit the PLTRP web page at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/trt/pl-trt.htm.

Atlantic Fisheries Affected by Take Reduction Teams/Plans

ALWTRP

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

HPTRP

- Mid-Atlantic gillnet
- Northeast sink gillnet

PLTRP

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

BDTRP

- Atlantic blue crab trap/pot
- Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet fishery
- 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, Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawl
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico Stone crab trap/pot fishery
- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet
- Virginia pound net

ATGTRS

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

