

2009 Lobster Gear Survey Instructions – Return by March 15, 2010

* Responses will be kept confidential and will only be presented in aggregate form

- 1) Fill out the information at the top of the first page, including name, license number and type, whether or not you hold a federal permit (yes or no), declared zone, the number of trap tags that you purchased for 2009 as well as any replacement tags purchased in 2009.
- 2) This survey is broken down by month so you'll be filling out the information for each month that you fished in 2009. If you did not fish at all in a month, either leave that section blank or write "none" in the first box for "Area ID Fished".
- 3) Use the attached map to locate the areas in which you fish. You may report for up to four areas per month. Each area is labeled with a number. Transfer your area ID number to the first column in the month labeled "Area ID Fished (1-40)". All of the information filled out in the column below that area ID will pertain only to that area.
- 4) If you fish in more than one area, write in the other ID numbers in a row from left to right under that month (up to four). If you only fish in one area the rest of the space in that month will be left blank.
- 5) Go down the column and fill in the information for gear fished in each area listed. Letters in the following instructions correspond to letters labeling the survey rows.
 - a. Configuration #1 (traps/trawl) = the number of traps fished on a trawl (example: singles, pairs, triples, 4's, 16's, etc.)
 - b. Number of traps fished = the number of traps that you fish in that area in the first configuration listed (example: if you fish 200 traps as singles you would write 200)
 - c. Configuration #2 (traps/trawl) = this asks for the same information as above but gives you space to record gear if you use two different configurations in the same area (example: you fish 200 traps as singles and 400 traps as pairs)
 - d. Number of traps fished = the number of traps that you fish in that area in the second configuration listed
 - e. Number of EL/trawl = the number of endlines or vertical lines that you use per trawl (one for singles and one or possibly two for longer trawls).
 - f. Total number of EL's = The total number of endlines or vertical lines that you fished in that area (example: fishing 400 traps as pairs and 200 singles would give you 400 endlines)
 - g. Length & diameter of EL (fa/inches) = the average length of your endlines or vertical lines recorded in fathoms as well as the diameter of rope used as your endlines or vertical lines (ex: 100fa / 7/16")
 - h. Use of toggles (Y/N) = this is a yes or no question about whether or not you use toggles or other alternate floatation devices on your endlines
 - i. Use of highflyer (Y/N) = this is a yes or no question about whether or not you use a highflyer to mark your gear
 - j. Dist. to sec. float = amount of rope in fathoms (fa) at the surface between your surface buoy and highflyer
 - k. Length & diameter of GL (fa/inches) = Record the average length of groundlines you use in this area in fathoms as well as the diameter of the rope in inches (example: 15 fa; 3/8")
 - l. Avg. soak time (days) = the average length of time in days that you go between hauling traps in that area (example: 4 days)
 - m. Avg. depth fished (fa) = the average depth that you set your traps in recorded in fathoms (example: 60 fa)
 - n. Bottom Type = the predominant bottom type you fish in this area. Choose "Rock", "gravel", "sand", "mud", "mixed" or "other".
- 6) The first 6 months of the year are on page 1 and the last 6 months are on page 2. Remember to mark your license number at the top of page 2 in case they get separated. Please also answer the question about endline composition at the bottom of the second page.

If you have questions please call Erin Summers at (207) 633-9556.

Name _____

Did Not Fish

Zone _____

Please Return By March 15, 2010

License # _____

License type _____

of trap tags purchased _____

Replacement tags _____

Federal _____

	January				February				March			
	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4
Area ID Fished (1-30)												
a) Configuration #1												
b) Number traps fished												
c) Configuration #2												
d) Number traps fished												
e) Number of EL/trawl												
f) Total Number of EL's												
g) Length & diameter of EL (fa/inches)												
h) Use toggles (Y/N)												
i) Use highflyer (Y/N)												
j) Dist to sec. float												
k) Length & diameter of GL (fa/inches)												
l) Avg soak (days)												
m) Avg depth fished (fa)												
n) Bottom type												

	April				May				June			
	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4
Area ID Fished (1-30)												
a) Configuration #1												
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k) Length & diameter of GL (fa/inches)												
l) Avg soak (days)												
m) Avg depth fished (fa)												
n) Bottom type												

License #

Area ID Fished (1-30)	July				August				September			
	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4
a) Configuration #1												
b) Number traps fished												
c) Configuration #2												
d) Number traps fished												
e) Number of EL/rawl												
f) Total Number of EL's												
g) Length & diameter of EL (fa/inches)												
h) Use toggles (Y/N)												
i) Use highflyer (Y/N)												
j) Dist to sec. float												
k) Length & diameter of GL (fa/inches)												
l) Avg soak (days)												
m) Avg depth fished (fa)												
n) Bottom type												

Area ID Fished (1-30)	October				November				December			
	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4	Area #1	Area #2	Area #3	Area #4
a) Configuration #1												
b) Number traps fished												
c) Configuration #2												
d) Number traps fished												
e) Number of EL/rawl												
f) Total Number of EL's												
g) Length & diameter of EL (fa/inches)												
h) Use toggles (Y/N)												
i) Use highflyer (Y/N)												
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l) Avg soak (days)												
m) Avg depth fished (fa)												
n) Bottom type												

What percentage of your endline (or vertical line) is made up of float rope?

- Exemption line = areas inside are exempt from the sinking groundline mandate
- - - 3 mile line = areas between this and the exemption line must use sinking groundlines
- 12 mile line
- Lobster zone lines and EEZ
- ==== Inside zone breaks (applies to Zone A and Zone D)

