

ALWTRP Fisheries Compliance & Operational Information

You can provide public comment through October 11, 2022 by submitting written comments through Regulations.gov using [Docket # NOAA-NMFS-2022-0091](#). If you missed tonight's meeting or would like to watch it again, use the [registration link](#) and re-register to access the recording. Additional information on future scoping meetings or details on past ALWTRP informational webinars, current regulatory information, and compliance materials can be found on the [Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan website](#).

Operational Information that may be helpful

For trap/pot gear:

1. Gear marking
 - a. How do you mark your line now?
 - b. How long does it take you to mark a line?
 - c. Do you mark your line at the dock or at the sea?
 - d. How much do you spend on marking materials each year?
2. Trawling up
 - a. What's your preferred trawl length, and what's the longest trawl you can handle?
 - b. How long does it take you to attach/detach a trap from a trawl?
 - c. Do you think trawling up will lower your catch? By how much?
3. Weak inserts
 - a. What's your preferred weak inserts? Sleeves? Knots? Or others?
 - b. How long does it take you to put in one weak insert?
 - c. Do you think weak inserts will increase your chance of losing gear?
4. Restricted area
 - a. When facing restricted areas, do you stop fishing or move somewhere else?
 - b. Do you have other similar fishing grounds when relocating? If not, what is the potential catch reduction?
5. Ropeless gear
 - a. Are you willing to test ropeless gears?
 - b. What is the biggest concern for you to adopt ropeless technology?
 - c. If ropeless gear could gain you access to restricted areas, what is the highest cost you could accept for your vessel?

For gillnet:

1. Gear marking
 - a. How do you mark your line now?
 - b. How long does it take you to mark a line?
 - c. Do you mark your line at the dock or at the sea?
 - d. How much do you spend on marking materials each year?

2. Weak inserts

- a. What's your preferred weak inserts? Sleeves? Knots? Or others?
- b. How long does it take you to put in one weak insert?
- c. Do you think weak inserts will increase your chance of losing gear?

3. Reduce soak hours

- a. What are your average soaking hours?
- b. When required to reduce soak hours, will you increase your fishing frequency to mitigate the lost hours?
- c. What is the catch impact from reducing soak hours?

4. Restrict overnight soaks

- a. Do you soak your gear overnight?
- b. What is the catch impact from restricting overnight soaks?
- c. Do you have other fishing plans to mitigate the impacts?

5. Number of nets/panels on a string

- a. How many panels do you usually use for a string?
- b. What is the catch impact of decreasing the panel numbers?
- c. Do you have weak links between panels?

6. Ropeless gear

- a. Are you willing to test ropeless gears?
- b. What is the biggest concern for you to adopt ropeless technology?
- c. If ropeless gear could gain you access to restricted areas, what is the highest cost you could accept for your vessel?