


# VMS/Enforcement Committee

# September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting

- Issues Addressed
  - Standardization of fixed fishing gear marking in the EEZ
  - VMS requirements for LAGC Vessels
    - Section 2.12.2 of Framework 22
      - Turn off VMS when not fishing for scallops
    - section 2.12.1 of Framework 22
      - Changing polling intervals
  - Confidentiality of data for video observer media.
  - Passamaquoddy fishing update

Chart 3

Gear in question	Federal Regs			Mass Regs		
	Gear marking	Surface gear	Additional Area-specific requirements	Gear marking	Surface gear	Additional Marking requirements
<b>NMS/ Monk (648.84)</b> Bottom tending Fixed Gear including/but not limited (i/bnl) gillnet and longline	Owner/vessel name or Official Number visible on the surface permanently affixed	Western-most radar reflector with pennant Eastern-most radar reflector	GOM-GB 30 degree deviations must be marked with additional marker	Buoys permanently marked or branded with owner's permit number	For gillnets the radar reflectors requirements are the same as federal with the exception that Mass does not specify the height of the flag	Buoy Line: green mark midway  Exception: regarding line color; when in conflict with code color, use a white mark
<b>Scup (628.123)</b> Pot and Trap	Must be marked with Code ID: - may be assigned by Reg. Dir - or by State regs			No Mass regulations specific to these fisheries to the left??? Or, is it implied by the regs below since they may be captured by the "fish pots" wording on the left???	<p><b>The Mass regulations listed below apply to lobster, fish, and conch pot trawls</b> (single pots tied together in a series and buoyed at both ends)</p> 	
<b>Black Sea Bass (648.144)</b> Pot and Trap	USCG Doc # or State Registration number					
<b>Red Crab (648.264)</b> Pot and Trap	3" RC must be painted on top of each buoy 3" Vessel permit # on side of each buoy 3" Quantification number (#X of X amount of trawls)		As specified by the ALWTRP (229.32)			
<b>Lobster (697.21)</b> Pot and Trap	Trap tag ID Code: - may be assigned by Reg. Dir - or by State regs	<b>3 or less traps in a trawl (TIAT):</b> Single buoy <b>More than 3 TIAT's:</b> Western-most radar reflector with pennant, Eastern-most radar reflector	As specified by the ALWTRP (229.32)	Buoys permanently marked or branded with owner's permit number	<b>Single pot:</b> single 7"x7" or 5"x11" stick optional but, if used, no flag attached <b>Pot Trawl:</b> -West-end with single buoy (7"x7" or 5"x11"), 3' stick, and flag -East-end with double buoy combination (7"x7" or 5"x11")	Buoy Line: red mark midway

FMP Code	Gear in question	VMS/Enforcement Committee Proposal		
		Buoys & Gear	Gear Marking	Surface Gear
<b>NMS/Monk (648.84)</b>	Bottom tending Fixed Gear including/but not limited gillnet and longline			
<b>Scup (628.123)</b>	Pot and Trap	<p><b>Single pot:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Single buoy 7"x7" or 5"x11"</li> <li>-3' stick painted color code, no pennant attached</li> <li>-2" white reflective tape around the highest portion of the stick</li> </ul> <p><b>Pot Trawl:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-West-end with single buoy (7"x7" or 5"x11"), 3' stick, and color code pennant</li> <li>-East-end with double buoy combination (7"x7" or 5"x11")</li> <li>-2" white reflective tape around the highest portion of the sticks</li> </ul> <p>Pots and traps must be marked with fishery specific code ID (e.g., official number, "RC", assigned by RA or state)</p>	<p>All buoys permanently marked or branded with Federal Fisheries Permit Number or State Permit Number preceded by State Code on all buoys</p> <p>Tie-ball permanently marked or branded with VTR gear code</p> <p>Minimum size of lettering = (e.g. 3 ")</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-West-end radar reflector with 2 pennants</li> <li>-East-end radar reflector with 1 pennant</li> <li>-2" white reflective tape around the poles at both ends</li> <li>-West-East by magnetic half compass</li> <li>-no color requirement for pennants, except lower pennant on west end may be used to identify vessels gear (e.g. lobster colors)</li> </ul>
<b>Black Sea Bass (648.144)</b>	Pot and Trap			
<b>Red Crab (648.264)</b>	Pot and Trap			
<b>Lobster (697.21)</b>	Pot and Trap			

CHART 1

**MINIMUM STANDARDS, EEZ**

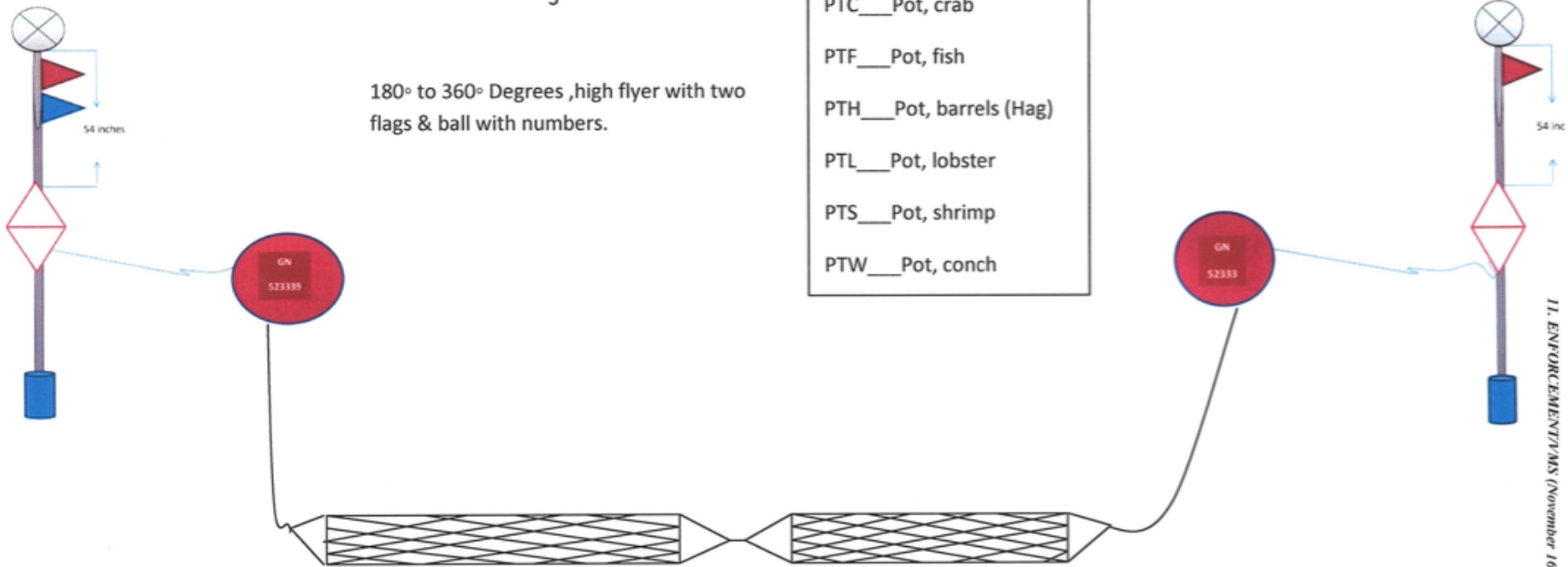
0° to 180° Degrees high flyer with one flag & ball with numbers



180° to 360° Degrees ,high flyer with two flags & ball with numbers.

**VTR gear code:**

- GND\_\_Gillnet, drift
- GNR\_\_Gillnet, runaround
- GNS\_\_Gillnet, sink
- LLB\_\_Longline, bottom
- LLP\_\_Longline, pelagic
- PTC\_\_Pot, crab
- PTF\_\_Pot, fish
- PTH\_\_Pot, barrels (Hag)
- PTL\_\_Pot, lobster
- PTS\_\_Pot, shrimp
- PTW\_\_Pot, conch



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**CHART 2: Gear markings for fixed gear**

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# Next Steps

Vet through Advisory panel

Seek direction from Council to:

- continue this initiative to standardize fixed fishing gear marking requirements in the EEZ across FMP's;
- to socialize this plan with the MAFMC and the ASFMC and;
- pursue a public process to solicit additional review and input from stakeholder

# Next Meeting

- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Portsmouth, NH
- Agenda items include:
  - Follow up on Fixed Fishing Gear Marking
  - NOAA GCEL Draft Penalty Policy
  - NOAA OLE's Enforcement Priority Setting Process
  - CFVSA Requirements of CG Authorization Act of 2010



Questions?