

LC3	40° 20.0'	67° 43.0'
LC4	40° 27.0'	67° 40.0'
LC5	40° 27.0'	67° 38.0'
LC1	40° 16.0'	67° 34.0'

(b) *Definition of "not available for immediate use."* Gear that is shown not to have been in recent use and that is stowed in conformance with one of the following methods is considered to be not available for immediate use:

(1) *Nets.*

(i) *Below deck stowage.*

- (A) It is stored below the main working deck from which it is deployed and retrieved;
- (B) The towing wires, including the leg wires, are detached from the net; and
- (C) It is fan-folded (flaked) and bound around its circumference.

(ii) *On-deck stowage.*

- (A) It is fan-folded (flaked) and bound around its circumference;
- (B) It is securely fastened to the deck or rail of the vessel; and
- (C) The towing wires, including the leg wires, are detached from the net.

(iii) *On-reel stowage.*

- (A) The net is on a reel, its entire surface is covered with canvas or other similar opaque material, and the canvas or other material is securely bound;
- (B) The towing wires are detached from the net; and
- (C) The codend is removed and stored below deck.

(iv) *On-reel stowage for vessels transiting the Gulf of Maine Rolling Closure Areas, the Georges Bank Seasonal Area Closure, and the Conditional Gulf of Maine Rolling Closure Area.*

- (A) The net is on a reel, its entire surface is covered with canvas or other similar opaque material, and the canvas or other material is securely bound;
- (B) The towing wires are detached from the doors; and
- (C) No containment rope, codend tripping device, or other mechanism to close off the codend is attached to the codend.

(2) *Scallop dredges.*

(i) The towing wire is detached from the scallop dredge, the towing wire is completely reeled up onto the winch, the dredge is secured and the dredge or the winch is covered so that it is rendered unuseable for fishing; or

(ii) The towing wire is detached from the dredge and attached to a bright-colored poly ball no less than 24 inches (60.9 cm) in diameter, with the towing wire left in its normal operating position (through the various blocks) and either is wound back to the first block (in the gallows) or is suspended at the end of the lifting block where its retrieval does not present a hazard to the crew and where it is readily visible from above.

(3) *Hook gear (other than pelagic).* All anchors and buoys are secured and all hook gear, including jiggling machines, is covered.

(4) *Sink gillnet gear.* All nets are covered with canvas or other similar material and lashed or otherwise securely fastened to the deck or rail, and all buoys larger than 6 inches (15.24 cm) in diameter, high flyers, and anchors are disconnected.

(5) Other methods of stowage. Any other method of stowage authorized in writing by the Regional Administrator and subsequently published in the *Federal Register*.