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# **NEW TURTLE EXCLUDER DEVICE (TED) REQUIREMENTS FOR SKIMMER TRAWL VESSELS 40 FEET AND GREATER IN LENGTH**

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## TIMELINE

2010: ELEVATED SEA TURTLE STRANDINGS IN THE NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO

JUNE 24, 2011: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) IS PUBLISHED

MAY 10, 2012: PROPOSED RULE TO REQUIRE ALL SKIMMER TRAWLS, PUSHER-HEAD TRAWLS, AND WING NETS TO USE TEDS IS PUBLISHED

MAY 18, 2012: DRAFT EIS IS PUBLISHED

FEBRUARY 7, 2013: RULE EXPANDING TED REQUIREMENTS IS WITHDRAWN

2013-2016: ADDITIONAL TED TESTING IS CONDUCTED





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## **TIMELINE**

**MARCH 15, 2016:** NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN EIS IS PUBLISHED

**DECEMBER 16, 2016:** DRAFT EIS AND PROPOSED RULE TO REQUIRE ALL SKIMMER TRAWLS, PUSHER-HEAD TRAWLS, AND WING NETS TO USE TEDS CAPABLE OF EXCLUDING SMALL TURTLES IS PUBLISHED

**NOVEMBER 15, 2019:** FINAL EIS IS PUBLISHED

**DECEMBER 19, 2019:** FINAL RULE REQUIRING ALL SKIMMER TRAWL VESSELS 40 FEET AND GREATER IN LENGTH TO USE TEDS CAPABLE OF EXCLUDING SMALL TURTLES

**APRIL 1, 2021:** FINAL RULE EFFECTIVE DATE





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## SUMMARY

- NEW TED REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO AFFECT A TOTAL OF 1,062 VESSELS
- MAJORITY OF AFFECTED VESSELS ARE BASED IN LOUISIANA (1,047 GULF AND 15 NORTH CAROLINA)
- NEW TED REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN AN ANNUAL CONSERVATION BENEFIT OF 801-1,158 SEA TURTLES
- OUR GEAR MONITORING TEAM IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING OUTREACH MATERIALS AND SCHEDULING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

