

**The following extract only contains gear definitions in § 622.2**

**§ 622.2 Definitions and acronyms.**

In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson Act and in § 600.10 of this chapter, and the acronyms in § 600.15 of this chapter, the terms and acronyms used in this part have the following meanings:

*Automatic reel* means a reel that remains attached to a vessel when in use from which a line and attached hook(s) are deployed. The line is payed out from and retrieved on the reel electrically or hydraulically.

*Bandit gear* means a rod and reel that remain attached to a vessel when in use from which a line and attached hook(s) are deployed. The line is payed out from and retrieved on the reel manually, electrically, or hydraulically.

*Bottom longline* means a longline that is deployed, or in combination with gear aboard the vessel, *e.g.*, weights or anchors, is capable of being deployed to maintain contact with the ocean bottom.

*BRD* means bycatch reduction device.

*Bully net* means a circular frame attached at right angles to the end of a pole and supporting a conical bag of webbing. The webbing is usually held up by means of a cord which is released when the net is dropped over a lobster.

*Buoy gear* means fishing gear that fishes vertically in the water column that consists of a single drop line suspended from a float, from which no more than 10 hooks can be connected between the buoy and the terminal end, and the terminal end contains a weight that is no more than 10 lb (4.5 kg). The drop line can be rope (hemp, manila, cotton or other natural fibers; nylon, polypropylene, spectra or other synthetic material) or monofilament, but must not be cable or wire. The gear is free-floating and not connected to other gear or the vessel. The drop line must be no greater than 2 times the depth of the water being fished. All hooks must be attached to the drop line no more than 30 ft (9.1 m) from the weighted terminal end. These hooks may be attached directly to the drop line; attached as snoods (defined as an offshoot line that is directly spliced, tied or otherwise connected to the drop line), where each snood has a single terminal hook; or as gangions (defined as an offshoot line connected to the drop line with some type of detachable clip), where each gangion has a single terminal hook.

*Circle hook* means a fishing hook designed and manufactured so that the point is turned perpendicularly back to the shank to form a generally circular, or oval, shape.

*Dehooking device* means a device intended to remove a hook embedded in a fish to release the fish with minimum damage.

*Drift gillnet*, for the purposes of this part, means a gillnet, other than a long gillnet or a run-around gillnet, that is unattached to the ocean bottom, regardless of whether attached to a vessel.

*Fish trap* means--

- (1) In the Caribbean EEZ, a trap and its component parts (including the lines and buoys), regardless of the construction material, used for or capable of taking finfish.
- (2) In the Gulf EEZ, a trap and its component parts (including the lines and buoys), regardless of the construction material, used for or capable of taking finfish, except a trap historically used in the directed fishery for crustaceans (that is, blue crab, stone crab, and spiny lobster).
- (3) In the South Atlantic EEZ, a trap and its component parts (including the lines and buoys), regardless of the construction material, used for or capable of taking fish, except a sea bass pot, a golden crab trap, or a crustacean trap (that is, a type of trap historically used in the directed fishery for blue crab, stone crab, red crab, jonah crab, or spiny lobster and that contains at any time not more than 25 percent, by number, of fish other than blue crab, stone crab, red crab, jonah crab, and spiny lobster).

*Golden crab trap* means any trap used or possessed in association with a directed fishery for golden crab in the South Atlantic EEZ, including any trap that contains a golden crab in or from the South Atlantic EEZ or any trap on board a vessel that possesses golden crab in or from the South Atlantic EEZ.

*Hook-and-line gear* means automatic reel, bandit gear, buoy gear, handline, longline, and rod and reel.

*Hoop net* means a frame, circular or otherwise, supporting a shallow bag of webbing and suspended by a line and bridles. The net is baited and lowered to the ocean bottom, to be raised rapidly at a later time to prevent the escape of lobster.

*Long gillnet* means a gillnet that has a float line that is more than 1,000 yd (914 m) in length.

*Longline* means a line that is deployed horizontally to which gangions and hooks are attached. A longline may be a bottom longline, *i.e.*, designed for use on the bottom, or a pelagic longline, *i.e.*, designed for use off the bottom. The longline hauler may be manually, electrically, or hydraulically operated.

*Powerhead* means any device with an explosive charge, usually attached to a speargun, spear, pole, or stick, that fires a projectile upon contact.

*Rod and reel* means a rod and reel unit that is not attached to a vessel, or, if attached, is readily removable, from which a line and attached hook(s) are deployed. The line is payed out from and retrieved on the reel manually, electrically, or hydraulically.

*Run-around gillnet* means a gillnet, other than a long gillnet, that, when used, encloses an area of water.

*Sea bass pot* means a trap has six rectangular sides and does not exceed 25 inches (63.5 cm) in height, width, or depth.

*Trammel net* means two or more panels of netting, suspended vertically in the water by a common float line and a common weight line, with one panel having a larger mesh size than the other(s), to entrap fish in a pocket of netting.

*Try net*, also called test net, means a net pulled for brief periods by a shrimp trawler to test for shrimp concentrations or determine fishing conditions (*e.g.*, presence or absence of bottom debris, jellyfish, bycatch, sea grasses).

*Venting device* means a device intended to deflate the abdominal cavity of a fish to release the fish with minimum damage.

#### **§ 600.10 Definitions**

*Drop net* means a small, usually circular net with weight around the perimeter and a float in the center.

*Hoop net* means a cone-shaped or flat net which may or may not have throats and flues stretched over a series of rings or hoops for support.