

Gear Definitions for Gear Listed in List of Authorized Fisheries and Gear

Gear	§ 600.10	§ 622.2
Allowable chemical	Allowable chemical means a substance, generally used to immobilize marine life so it can be captured alive, that, when introduced into the water, does not take Gulf and South Atlantic prohibited coral (as defined at 50 CFR 622.2) and is allowed by Florida or Hawaii or the U.S. Pacific Insular Area for the harvest of tropical fish.	Allowable chemical means a substance, generally used to immobilize marine life so that it can be captured alive, that, when introduced into the water, does not take Gulf and South Atlantic prohibited coral and is allowed by Florida for the harvest of tropical fish (e.g., quinaldine, quinaldine compounds, or similar substances).
Bandit gear	Bandit gear means vertical hook and line gear with rods that are attached to the vessel when in use. Lines are retrieved by manual, electric, or hydraulic reels.	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.
Barrier net	Barrier net means a small-mesh net used to capture coral reef or coastal pelagic fishes.	undefined
Bully net	Bully net means a circular frame attached at right angles to a pole and supporting a conical bag of webbing.	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	Buoy gear means fishing gear consisting of a float and one or more lines suspended therefrom. A hook or hooks are on the lines at or near the end. The float and line(s) drift freely and are retrieved periodically to remove catch and rebait hooks.	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.
Cast net	Cast net means a circular net with weights attached to the perimeter.	undefined
Dip net	Dip net means a small mesh bag, sometimes attached to a handle, shaped and framed in various ways. It is operated by hand or partially by mechanical power to capture the fish.	undefined
dredge	Dredge means a gear consisting of a mouth frame attached to a holding bag constructed of metal rings or mesh.	undefined
Drop net	Drop net means a small, usually circular net with weight around the perimeter and a float in the center.	undefined
gillnet	Gillnet means a panel of netting, suspended vertically in the water by floats along the top and weights along the bottom, to entangle fish that attempt to pass through it.	<p>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.</p> <p>Long gillnet means a gillnet that has a float line that is more than 1,000 yd (914 m) in length.</p> <p>Run-around gillnet means a gillnet, other than a long gillnet, that, when used, encloses an area of water.</p> <p>Stab net means a gillnet, other than a long gillnet, or trammel net whose weight line sinks to the bottom and submerges the float line.</p>
Hand harvest	Hand harvest means harvesting by hand.	undefined
handline	Handline means fishing gear that is set and pulled by hand and consists of one vertical line to which may be attached leader lines with hooks.	Handline means a line with attached hook(s) that is tended directly by hand.
harpoon	Harpoon or harpoon gear means fishing	undefined

	gear consisting of a pointed dart or iron attached to the end of a line several hundred feet in length, the other end of which is attached to a floatation device. Harpoon gear is attached to a pole or stick that is propelled only by hand, and not by mechanical means.	
Hook and line	Hook and line means one or more hooks attached to one or more lines (can include a troll).	Hook-and-line gear means automatic reel, bandit gear, buoy gear, handline, longline, and rod and reel.
Hoop net	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.	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.
Lampara net	Lampara net means a surround net with the sections of netting made and joined to create bagging. It is hauled with purse rings and is generally much smaller in size than a purse seine net.	undefined
longline	Longline means a line that is deployed horizontally and to which gangions and hooks or pots are attached. Longlines can be stationary, anchored, or buoied lines that may be hauled manually, electrically, or hydraulically.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pelagic longline means a longline that is suspended by floats in the water column and that is not fixed to or in contact with the ocean bottom.</p>
Pair trawl	undefined	undefined
pot	Pot means trap.	Sea bass pot means a trap has six rectangular sides and does not exceed 25 inches (63.5 cm) in height, width, or depth.
powerhead	Powerhead means any device with an explosive charge, usually attached to a	Powerhead means any device with an explosive charge, usually attached to a

	spear gun, spear, pole, or stick, that may or may not fire a projectile upon contact.	speargun, spear, pole, or stick, that fires a projectile upon contact.
Purse seine	Purse seine means a floated and weighted encircling net that is closed by means of a drawstring threaded through rings attached to the bottom of the net.	undefined
Rod and reel	Rod and reel means a hand-held (including rod holder) fishing rod with a manually or electrically operated reel attached.	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.
seine	Seine means a net with long narrow wings, that is rigged with floats and weights.	undefined
skimmer	undefined	undefined
Slurp gun	Slurp gun means a tube-shaped suction device that operates somewhat like a syringe by sucking up the fish.	undefined
snare	Snare means a device consisting of a pole to which is attached a line forming at its end a loop with a running knot that tightens around the fish when the line is pulled.	undefined
spear	Spear means a sharp, pointed, or barbed instrument on a shaft. Spears can be operated manually or shot from a gun or sling.	undefined
tongs	undefined	undefined
trap	Trap means a portable, enclosed device with one or more gates or entrances and one or more lines attached to surface floats. Also called a pot.	Fish trap means-- (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).
trawl	Trawl means a cone or funnel-shaped net that is towed through the water, and can include a pair trawl that is towed simultaneously by two boats.	undefined
Trawl butterfly net	undefined	undefined