LOBSTER, CRAB, & FISH POT GEAR CHARACTERISTICS LOG
NMFS FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM
OBPTG 05/01/13

OBS/TRIP ID	
DATE LANDED mm/yy	/
PAGE #	☐ OF ☐

GEAR CODE ☐☐☐ | GEAR NUMBER(S) | NUMBER OF POTS | **COMMENTS**

POT CHARACTERISTICS
Shape Code ____
Side Construction Code ____
DIMENSIONS

	Length (in)	Width (in)
Top	____	____
Bottom	____	____

Height ____ in

GROUNDLINE
Length of Line Btw Pots (avg) ____ ft
Type code ____
Diameter ____/____ in

ESCAPE VENT NO YES
USED? 0 ___ 1 ___
Number ____
Shape Code ____
Length ____.____ in
Height ____.____ in
Location

Unknown	0 ___
Top	1 ___
Side	2 ___
End	3 ___
Combination	8 ___
Other	9 ___

ENTRANCE
Number ____
Inside Ring Size ____.____ in
Location

Unknown	0 ___
Top	1 ___
Side	2 ___
End	3 ___
Combination	8 ___
Other	9 ___

BIODEGRADABLE PANEL
USED? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___
Attachment Type

Unknown	0 ___
Iron Hog Rings	1 ___
Degradable Plastic	2 ___
Softwood Lathe	3 ___
Uncoated Wire	4 ___
Combination	8 ___
Other	9 ___

BAIT
METHOD

Unknown	0 ___
String	1 ___
Bait Bag	2 ___
Metal Ring	3 ___
Not Attached	7 ___
Combination	8 ___
Other	9 ___

SURFACE SYSTEMS
# of High Flyer(s) ____
# of Buoys ____
Surface Line Length (avg) ____ ft
Type Code ____
Diameter ____/____ in
Mark? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___

WEAK LINKS NO YES
USED ON SURFACE? 0 ___ 1 ___
Number (total) ____
Type Code ____

GANGIONS
USED? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___
Length (avg) ____ ft
Type Code ____
Diameter ____/____ in

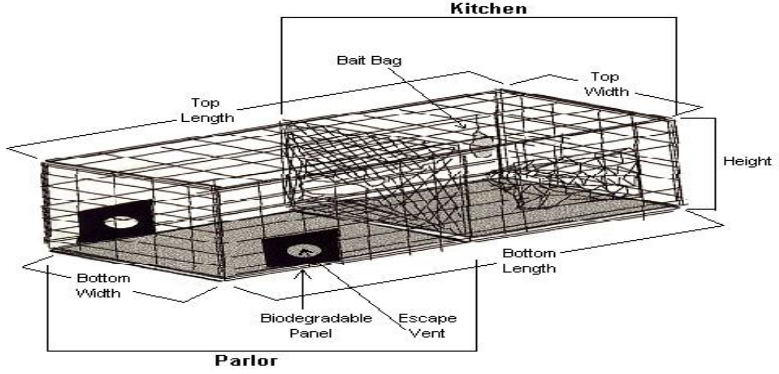
BUOYLINE
# of Buoyline(s) ____
Length (avg) ____ ft
Type Code ____
Percent of Type ____%/____% *(sinking/floating)*
Diameter ____/____ in
Mark? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___

ANCHOR(S)
USED? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___
Number ____
(circle one)
Weight (total) ____ lbs A / E
Type

Unknown	0 ___
Danforth-style	1 ___
Dead Weight	2 ___
Combination	8 ___
Other	9 ___

ANCHOR LINE
Length of Line Btwn Anchor & Gangion (avg) ____ ft
Type Code ____
Diameter ____/____ in

RECTANGULAR LOBSTER TRAP
WIRE CONSTRUCTION



OMB Control No.: 0648-0593
Expires on: 11/30/2015

OBS/TRIP ID	
DATE LANDED mm/yy	/
PAGE #	☐ OF ☐

DIAGRAM FOR REFERENCE ONLY

⊘ = Weak Link

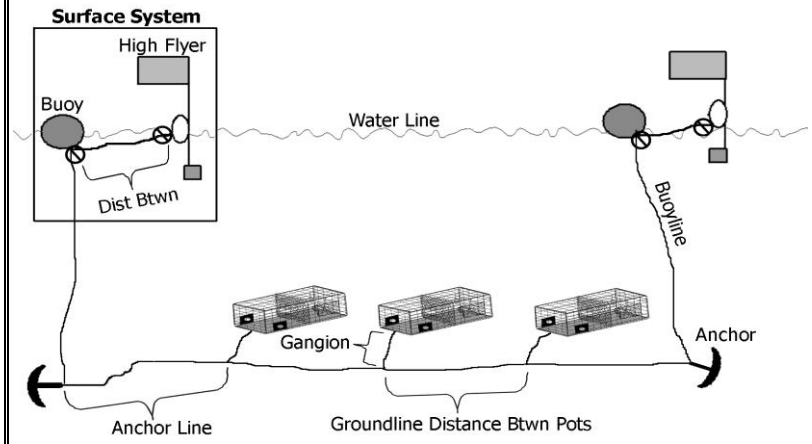


Photo Credit: NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office (Original image modified to include additional information).

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

SHAPE CODES:

00	=	Unknown
01	=	Rectangular
02	=	Round / Oval
03	=	1/2 Round
04	=	Cone
05	=	Trapezoid
99	=	Other

SIDE CONSTRUCTION CODES:

0	=	Unknown
1	=	Wood Lathe
2	=	Plastic Coated Wire
3	=	Twine Mesh
4	=	Plastic Mesh
8	=	Combination
9	=	Other

LINE / GANGION TYPE CODES:

0	=	Unknown
1	=	Sinking / Neutrally Buoyant
2	=	Floating
8	=	Combination
9	=	Other

WEAK LINK TYPE CODES:

0	=	Unknown
1	=	Rope of Appropriate Breaking Strength
2	=	Off the Shelf
3	=	Overhand Knot
4	=	Hog Rings
8	=	Combination
9	=	Other

OMB Control No.: 0648-0593
Expires on: 11/30/2015