

**LOBSTER, CRAB, & FISH POT GEAR CHARACTERISTICS LOG**  
**NMFS FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**  
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GEAR CODE	GEAR NUMBER(S)	NUMBER OF POTS	COMMENTS
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<b>POT CHARACTERISTICS</b> Shape Code _____ Side Construction Code _____ <b>DIMENSIONS</b> Length (in) _____ Width (in) _____ Top _____ Bottom _____ Height _____ in	<b>ENTRANCE</b> Number _____ Inside Ring Size _____ in Location Unknown 0 _____ Top 1 _____ Side 2 _____ End 3 _____ Combination 8 _____ Other 9 _____	<b>SURFACE SYSTEMS</b> # of High Flyer(s) _____ # of Buoys _____ Surface Line Length (avg) _____ ft Type Code _____ Diameter _____ / _____ in	<b>ANCHOR(S)</b> USED? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___ Number _____ Weight (total) _____ lbs Type Unknown 0 _____ Danforth-style 1 _____ Dead Weight 2 _____ Combination 8 _____ Other 9 _____
<b>GROUNDLINE</b> Length of Line Btw Pots (avg) _____ ft Type code _____ Diameter _____ / _____ in	<b>BIODEGRADABLE PANEL</b> 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 _____	Mark? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___ <b>WEAK LINKS</b> NO YES USED ON SURFACE? 0 ___ 1 ___ Number (total) _____ Type Code _____ <b>GANGIONS</b> USED? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___ Length (avg) _____ ft Type Code _____ Diameter _____ / _____ in	<b>ANCHOR LINE</b> Length of Line Btwn _____ Anchor & Gangion (avg) _____ ft Type Code _____ Diameter _____ / _____ in
<b>ESCAPE VENT</b> 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 _____	<b>BAIT METHOD</b> Unknown 0 _____ String 1 _____ Bait Bag 2 _____ Metal Ring 3 _____ Not Attached 7 _____ Combination 8 _____ Other 9 _____	<b>BUOYLINE</b> # of Buoyline(s) _____ Length (avg) _____ ft Type Code _____ Percent of Type _____ %/ _____ % (sinking/floating) Diameter _____ / _____ in Mark? NO 0 ___ YES 1 ___	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>RECTANGULAR LOBSTER TRAP WIRE CONSTRUCTION</b></p> </div>

DIAGRAM FOR REFERENCE ONLY

⊙ = Weak Link

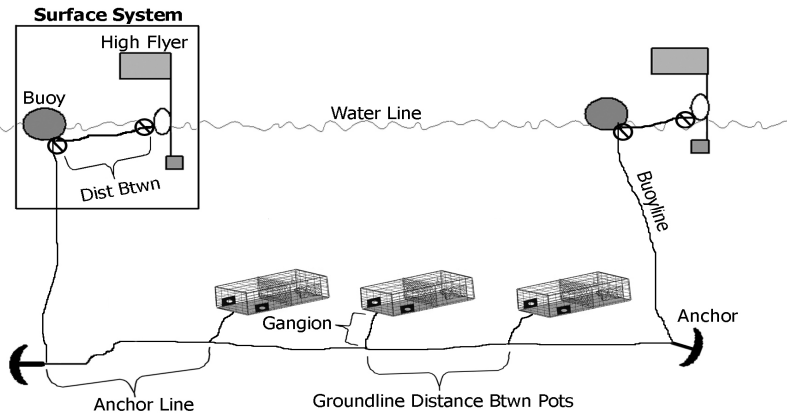


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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

**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

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