

Fishery Conservation and Management

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(iii) The door of the trap may serve as the ghost panel, if fastened with a material specified in paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section.

(iv) The ghost panel must be located in the outer parlor(s) of the trap and not the bottom of the trap.

(2) The Regional Director may, at the request of, or after consultation with, the Lobster Oversight Committee of the Council, approve, and publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER, any other design, mechanism, material, or specification not described in the regulations in this part that serves to create an escape portal not less than 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (9.53 cm) by 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (9.53 cm).

(e) *Enforcement action.* Unidentified, unmarked, unvented, or improperly vented American lobster traps will be seized and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of part 219 of this title.

§ 649.22 Experimental fishing exemption.

(a) The Regional Director may exempt any person or vessel from the requirements of this part for the conduct of experimental fishing beneficial to the management of the American lobster resource or fishery.

(b) The Regional Director may not grant such exemption unless it is determined that the purpose, design, and administration of the exemption is consistent with the objectives of the FMP, the provisions of the Magnuson Act, and other applicable law, and that granting the exemption will not:

(1) Have a detrimental effect on the American lobster resource and fishery; or

(2) Create significant enforcement problems.

(c) Each vessel participating in any exempted experimental fishing activity is subject to all provisions of this part, except those necessarily relating to the purpose and nature of the exemption. The exemption will be specified in a letter issued by the Regional Director to each vessel participating in the exempted activity. This letter must be carried aboard the vessel seeking the benefit of such exemption.

§ 649.23 Restricted gear areas.

(a) *Restricted Gear Area I.* (1) Restricted Gear Area I is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated:

| Point | Latitude | Longitude |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Inshore Boundary | | |
| to 120 | | |
| 69 | 40°07.9' N. | 68°36.0' W. |
| 70 | 40°07.2' N. | 68°38.4' W. |
| 71 | 40°06.9' N. | 68°46.5' W. |
| 72 | 40°08.7' N. | 68°49.6' W. |
| 73 | 40°08.1' N. | 68°51.0' W. |
| 74 | 40°05.7' N. | 68°52.4' W. |
| 75 | 40°03.6' N. | 68°57.2' W. |
| 76 | 40°03.65' N. | 69°00.0' W. |
| 77 | 40°04.35' N. | 69°00.5' W. |
| 78 | 40°05.2' N. | 69°00.5' W. |
| 79 | 40°05.3' N. | 69°01.1' W. |
| 80 | 40°08.9' N. | 69°01.75' W. |
| 81 | 40°11.0' N. | 69°03.8' W. |
| 82 | 40°11.6' N. | 69°05.4' W. |
| 83 | 40°10.25' N. | 69°04.4' W. |
| 84 | 40°09.75' N. | 69°04.15' W. |
| 85 | 40°08.45' N. | 69°03.6' W. |
| 86 | 40°05.65' N. | 69°03.55' W. |
| 87 | 40°04.1' N. | 69°03.9' W. |
| 88 | 40°02.65' N. | 69°05.6' W. |
| 89 | 40°02.00' N. | 69°08.35' W. |
| 90 | 40°02.65' N. | 69°11.15' W. |
| 91 | 40°00.05' N. | 69°14.6' W. |
| 92 | 39°57.8' N. | 69°20.35' W. |
| 93 | 39°56.65' N. | 69°24.4' W. |
| 94 | 39°56.1' N. | 69°26.35' W. |
| 95 | 39°56.55' N. | 69°34.1' W. |
| 96 | 39°57.85' N. | 69°35.5' W. |
| 97 | 40°00.65' N. | 69°36.5' W. |
| 98 | 40°00.9' N. | 69°37.3' W. |
| 99 | 39°59.15' N. | 69°37.3' W. |
| 100 | 39°58.8' N. | 69°38.45' W. |
| 102 | 39°56.2' N. | 69°40.2' W. |
| 103 | 39°55.75' N. | 69°41.4' W. |
| 104 | 39°56.7' N. | 69°53.6' W. |
| 105 | 39°57.55' N. | 69°54.05' W. |
| 106 | 39°57.4' N. | 69°55.9' W. |
| 107 | 39°56.9' N. | 69°57.45' W. |
| 108 | 39°58.25' N. | 70°03.0' W. |
| 110 | 39°59.2' N. | 70°04.9' W. |
| 111 | 40°00.7' N. | 70°08.7' W. |
| 112 | 40°03.75' N. | 70°10.5' W. |
| 115 | 40°05.2' N. | 70°10.9' W. |
| 116 | 40°02.45' N. | 70°14.1' W. |
| 119 | 40°02.75' N. | 70°16.1' W. |
| to 181 | | |
| Offshore Boundary | | |
| to 69 | | |
| 120 | 40°06.4' N. | 68°35.8' W. |
| 121 | 40°05.25' N. | 68°39.3' W. |
| 122 | 40°05.4' N. | 68°44.5' W. |
| 123 | 40°06.0' N. | 68°46.5' W. |
| 124 | 40°07.4' N. | 68°49.6' W. |
| 125 | 40°05.55' N. | 68°49.8' W. |
| 126 | 40°03.9' N. | 68°51.7' W. |
| 127 | 40°02.25' N. | 68°55.4' W. |
| 128 | 40°02.6' N. | 69°00.0' W. |
| 129 | 40°02.75' N. | 69°00.75' W. |
| 130 | 40°04.2' N. | 69°01.75' W. |
| 131 | 40°06.15' N. | 69°01.95' W. |
| 132 | 40°07.25' N. | 69°02.0' W. |
| 133 | 40°08.5' N. | 69°02.25' W. |