



## About The Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico & Caribbean Category I & II List of Fisheries Quick Reference Guide

A summary of Category I and II List of Fisheries for the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea is provided on the reverse side of the [MMAF Authorization Certificate](#).

The Quick Reference Guide *does*:

- Organize by gear type and region
- Give Fishery ID number for quick reference when reporting marine mammal injuries or mortalities
- List usual target species
- List specific geographic boundaries for each listed fishery
- List current Category, if Cat I or II
- *Sometimes* align categories with federal, interstate or state fish management plans
- Found on the back of MMAF Authorization Certificate

The Quick Reference Guide *does not give*:

- A [complete United States List of Fisheries](#)
- A full explanation of gear-mammal interactions
- Specific marine mammal stocks known to interact with fishing gear types
- Fishing regulations that protect marine mammals under individual Take Reduction Plans

**How to Read the Quick Reference Guide:**

### Longline Fisheries (gear type)

- **05 (Fishery ID number for reporting interactions) - Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico (general region) large pelagics and highly migratory species (target species) longline (Cat. I) (current LOF category) - includes fishing for large pelagic species as well as dolphin (mahi mahi) and wahoo with pelagic longline gear within the EEZ and on the high seas (specific geographic boundary).**

**CATEGORY I** fishery gear results in **FREQUENT** marine mammal interactions causing serious injury or death; includes some longlines, gillnets, lobster trap and others



**CATEGORY II** fishery gear results in **OCCASIONAL** marine mammal interactions causing serious injury or death; includes some gillnets, trawls, traps, seines and others



**CATEGORY III** fishery gear results in **LITTLE OR NO** marine mammal interactions causing serious injury or death