



Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan



NON-REGULATORY MEASURES FOR THE ATLANTIC BLUE CRAB TRAP/POT FISHERY



Gear Modification Recommendations

- ◆ Use a sinking or negatively buoyant line, such as nylon or polyester, to minimize excess line floating at the surface.
- ◆ Deploy line in an untangled, straight line to help reduce the risk of it coming off the bottom.
- ◆ Limit line to minimum length necessary, especially in shallow or slack water.
- ◆ Use an inverted or modified bait well to discourage

For a description on how to construct and use an inverted bait well, please visit: www.sero.nmfs.gov/bdtrp/baitwell.htm



Example of an inverted, or modified, bait well. The bait well opening is turned to the inside of the trap. The wire lid is held in place by a canterlevered bungee that holds the lid open when re-baiting, and keeps the lid closed when actively fishing. Photo credit: Georgia DNR



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