

**R.I. Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations**  
**PART XIII - GILL NET REGULATIONS**

**13.4 Additional Area Specific Regulations** -- Any gill net set, hauled, and/or maintained in the following areas must adhere to all of the State marking and tending requirements. In addition to the general requirements (Part 13.3), each gill net set, hauled, and/or maintained in the following areas must also meet the following more restrictive specifications:

**13.4.1 Narragansett Bay, Mount Hope Bay, and the Sakonnet River:** This area shall include all waters of Narragansett Bay, the east and west passages, Mount Hope Bay, and Sakonnet River, north of ~~a line from Monahan's Dock (State Pier No. 5) to Beavertail Point to Castle Hill Light and north of the pipeline in the Sakonnet River~~ the Colregs line. It shall be illegal to set, haul, and/or maintain a gill net within this area which does not adhere to the following specifications:

**13.4.3 Waters between One Half Nautical Mile and Three Nautical Miles from the Rhode Island Coast (Mean high tide line):** The following additional requirements shall apply to all gill nets set within this area.

**13.4.3-1 Setting Pattern/Spacing Requirement:** Each gill net must be set in a straight line (from one end buoy to the other). No gill net may be set within two thousand (2000) feet of another gill net during the period from April 1 to October 1.

**13.4.3-2 Marking:**

(a) Each six hundred (600) foot length of gill net must be Gill nets greater than six hundred (600) feet and less than or equal to twelve hundred (1,200) feet must be marked with two (2) orange or fluorescent orange floats with a size of 9 x 16 inches on the westernmost end as measured on a compass circle from magnetic south through west to, and including, north and one orange or fluorescent orange floats with a size of 9 x 16 inches on the easternmost end side as measured on a compass circle from magnetic north through east to, and including, south. In the case of nets set in a due north south line, the two orange or fluorescent orange floats with a size of 9 x 16 inches should be placed on the southernmost end. All orange or fluorescent orange floats with a size of 9 x 16 inches must be marked in accordance with the general marking requirements (Part 13.3).

(b) Gillnets greater than 1,200 feet must be marked with an orange or fluorescent orange float with a size of 9 x 16 inches and a radar reflective highflyer at each end. One of the radar reflective highflyer is to be marked with a flag on the

westernmost side as measured on a compass circle from magnetic south through west to, and including, north. The easternmost side as measured on a compass circle from magnetic north through east to, and including, south is to be marked with a radar reflective highflyer that must remain flagless. In the case of nets set in a due north south line, the flag on the radar reflective highflyer should be placed on the southernmost end. Orange or fluorescent orange floats with a size of 9 x 16 inches must be marked in accordance with the general marking requirements (Part 13.3).