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UPDATE:

BDTRT 2009 Regulatory Recommendations and BDTRP Amendments

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OVERVIEW

1. Review BDTRT's 2009 Regulatory Consensus Recommendations
 - NC medium mesh gillnets
 - VA pound net fishery
2. Amendments to BDTRP
 - NC medium mesh gillnet prohibitions
 - VA pound net
3. Other VA pound net updates

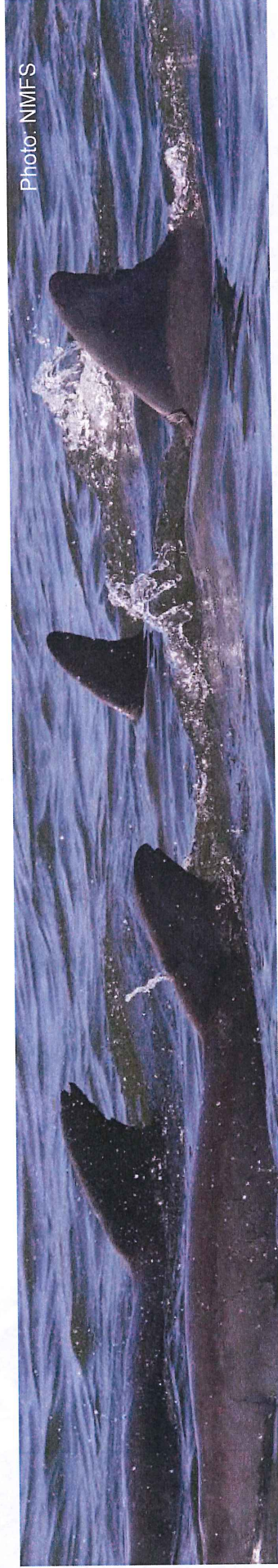


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Amending the BDTRP

1. Amend based on BDTRT's 2009 regulatory and non-regulatory recommendations:
2. Two separate proposed rules to amend BDTRP:
 - Permanent nighttime medium mesh gillnet restrictions in NC during winter
 - VA pound net modified leader requirements





Amending the BDTRP

NC Medium Mesh Gillnet Recommendations:

- Includes:
 - Based on BDTRT's recommendation for making nighttime medium mesh gillnet prohibitions permanent
 - BDTRT's 2007 and 2009 non-regulatory consensus recommendations
 - Updated stock structure and stock names
 - Other minor updates
- Proposed rule package in clearance



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VA Pound Net Modified Leader Amendment:

- Based on BDTRT's 2009 recommendations for VA pound net gear
- Potential joint-rule between MMPA and ESA for VA pound net fishery
- Pound net fishery requirements for dolphins enacted under MMPA
- Proposed rule in progress and anticipated release in Fall/Winter 2012

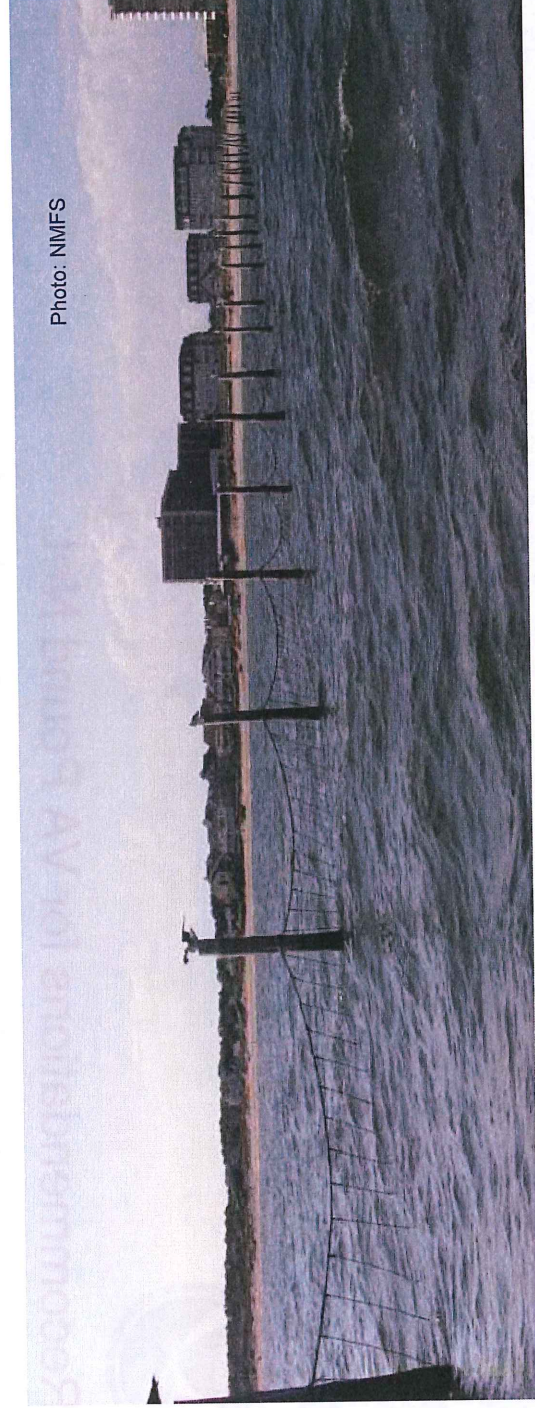


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BDTRT Recommendations for VA Pound Net:

- 1.a. Change definition of inshore pound net leader to:
 - a pound net with a leader starting from 10' horizontally from mean low water and ending at king post at 12' or less at mean low water (depth) to ensure the king post-stake does not extend beyond 12' MLW*
- b. Keep the offshore leader definition the same as in sea turtle regulations
 - Team's Intent – prevent scenario where inshore pound net leader should be using a modified leader
2. Include the same pound net certifications and inspection program as in sea turtle regulations
 - Team's Intent – ensure compliance with use of modified leaders