

G.4 Fixed Gear Marking and Entanglement Risk Reduction; Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On Actions

Council Action:

1. Adopt a purpose and need.
2. Adopt a range of alternatives, if possible.

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I move the Council adopt the following based on the reports by the GAP and GMT:

Fixed Gear Marking

Adopt purpose and need with proposed change to replace the last sentence with “Action is also needed to improve the effectiveness of the currently required biodegradable escape mechanisms in pot gear.”

Adopt the ROA presented in Attachment 2 with the following changes:

1. Item 1: Buoy marking, remove Alternative 2 (sector and gear specific)
2. Item 2: Line Marking, remove Alternative 1 (all of the line) from “Portion of line marked.”
3. Item 2: Line marking, add a sub-option for Alternative 2 “Method of Marking” to include an interval of “at least every 10 fathoms.”
4. Item 3: Add an alternative to the ROA for surface gear limitations that includes two options of maximum length: 5 fm and 10 fm.

- Consider developing a best practices guide.

LEFG Follow On

- Adopt purpose and need presented in Attachment 2
- Adopt the ROA presented in Attachment 2 with the following changes:
 1. Item 2 (fourth permit stacking), remove from the ROA.
 2. Item 4: Permit price reporting, remove Alternative 1 (sablefish endorsed permits only)

Moved by Heather Hall

Second by Lynn Mattes

Motion passed unanimously.