



**RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
 DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE / MARINE FISHERIES  
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**RIDFW Gillnet Tag Declaration Form**

**Pursuant to RIMFR Part 6.5.3 all gillnets set in Rhode Island state waters must have tags attached issued by RIDFW.** All Multipurpose commercial fishing license holders with the gill net endorsement are eligible to receive a set of 80 tags for fishing plus an additional 10 tags for routine loss. Only one set of tags shall be issued to each license holder. Tags shall be attached to the float line beginning at the westernmost end of each net (as measured on a compass circle from magnetic south through west to, and including, north) exceed every 300 linear feet. The net on the easternmost end of each string as measured on a compass circle from magnetic north through east must have a tag adjacent to the buoy line. In cases of gear rotation and/or catastrophic loss the license holder will be issued a new set of tags. Tags must be picked up in person at the RIDFW Marine Fisheries office at 3 Fort Wetherill Rd. Jamestown, RI 02835 or at the Coastal Resources Office at 301 Great Island Road Narragansett, RI 02882. To receive tags please fill out the following declaration:

Commercial License Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Multipurpose License Number: MPURP \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Vessel USCG/ State Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Vessel Federal Permit Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial License Holder Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Numbers (office use only):

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## **RIDFW Gillnet Tagging Program Fact Sheet**

- **ALL** Multipurpose License holders with a gillnet endorsement are eligible to receive tags.
- Tags are valid for both 2017 and 2018 calendar years.
- Tags are required for **ALL** gillnets set in RI state waters.
- License holders may fish up to 80 tags in state waters.
- Net strings cannot exceed 3,000 feet in length
- Each license holder will be issued one set of 90 tags, 10 are for routine loss.
- Only one set of tags shall be issued per license holder.
- In the event of a catastrophic loss of tags a new set will be issued to the license holder
- Tags shall be attached to the float line beginning at the westernmost end of each net (as measured on a compass circle from magnetic south through west to, and including, north) exceed every 300 linear feet. The net on the easternmost end of each string as measured on a compass circle from magnetic north through east must have a tag adjacent to the buoy line.
- Vessels participating in NOAA Fisheries tagging programs not fishing in state waters may transit state waters as long as nets are stowed properly and have federal tags attached.
- Complete regulations are found here:  
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rimf6.pdf>

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