

Notice to Southern New England Gillnet Fishermen of Harbor Porpoise Regulations
Pingers required starting December 1, 2012

This notice is a reminder to gillnet fishermen of the of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Harbor Porpoise Plan which requires the use of pingers annually from Dec 1- Feb 28th and April 1-May 31st. The regulations were mandated under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to reduce the harbor porpoise bycatch in gillnet fisheries.

No gillnets are allowed to be set during the March 1- March 31 period.

A one time pinger certification is also required. For more information, please visit the NMFS Protected Resources website at www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/porptrp.

