

Gillnet Tag form must be completed if your vessel will be fishing with Gillnets under a Northeast (NE) Multispecies Days at Sea (DAS) or Monkfish DAS during the 2004 fishing year (May 1, 2004-April 30, 2005).

- If you have a limited access NE multispecies permit or a limited access NE multispecies permit **and** a limited access monkfish permit, you must fill out Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3.
- If you have a limited access monkfish permit only (and **no** limited access multispecies permit), you must fill out Section 2 and Section 3.

Section 1- Limited access NE multispecies permit holders who intend to use gillnet gear under a multispecies day-at-sea must declare into **one of the following** gillnet category designations by selecting one of the following two categories with a check mark: (please read the “Special Instructions to Gillnet Vessel Owners” if you do not know which category you should choose)

Trip Gillnet Category _____ **or** Day Gillnet Category _____

NOTE: Both Day and Trip Category vessels are restricted to 150 tags.

Section 2

All gillnet vessel owners must purchase new BLUE gillnet tags. NOTE: Current teal green gillnet tags are valid through July 31, 2004. The new BLUE gillnet tags are required beginning August 1, 2004.

Please indicate how many tags that you wish to purchase by filling out the following information.

Number of tags requested _____. (Multispecies tags are limited to 150; Monkfish tags are limited to 160 for Category A and B vessels and 150 for Category C and D vessels. **The new BLUE gillnet tags cost \$1.20 each.** (NOTE: An additional shipping and handling charge of \$5.00 must be included for orders of 20 or less tags.) (NOTE: The total cost for 150 tags is \$180.00.)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name and Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please make checks payable to **National Band and Tag Company** and complete Section 3 below.

Initial Tags will be shipped to you directly from the tag manufacturer

Section 3

Vessel Name _____

Federal Permit # _____

Documentation # _____
or State Registration # _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Gillnet tags will be used to fish for:

Multispecies (circle) Yes No

Monkfish (circle) Yes No

Please call the NMFS Northeast Regional Office information line at (978) 281-9278 if you have any questions.

Return this form and payment to:
NMFS Permits Office, Gillnet Program
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

The information will be used in the management of the NE multispecies and monkfish fisheries. One of the regulatory steps taken by NOAA Fisheries to carry out the conservation and management objectives of these fishery management plans is limiting fishing vessel effort. The application to designate a gillnet category and order gillnet tags is meant to allow industry members to designate their appropriate gillnet category and order the appropriate number of gillnet tags in accordance with 50 CFR 648.4(c)(2)(iii) and 648.80(a)(3)(iv), 648.80(a)(4)(iv), 648.80(b)(2)(iv), and 648.80(b)(2)(v). Since this requirement has been adopted as part of the effort reduction programs under the NE Multispecies and Monkfish Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) it is viewed as consistent with the conservation goals of these FMPs.

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