



# Bycatch Sampling Priority Matrix

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*Our vision is to be the principal source of fisheries-dependent information  
on the Atlantic coast through the cooperation of all program partners.*

# Top Quartile of Bycatch Matrix Suggestions

Combined Fleets	Sig. Change in mgmt w/in past 36 mo	Amt of reg discards	Amt of non reg discards	Prot Spp Interactions	Score
Mid-Atlantic Gillnet	3	4	2	5	14
Mid-Atlantic Pound Net	1	4	2	5	12
american american lobster Pots	1	4	1	5	11
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Snapper grouper H&L Fleet	3	4	1	3	11
New England Extra-Large-Mesh Gillnet	0	4	2	5	11
Mid-Atlantic Small-Mesh Otter Trawl, Bottom	1	4	1	5	11
Mid-Atlantic Fish Pots and Traps	1	4	1	5	11
South Atlantic Large Mesh Gillnet	0	4	2	5	11
Southeastern, Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico HMS Pelagic Longline	1	4	1	5	11
New England Crab Pots	3	2	1	5	11
South Atlantic shrimp Trawl	1	4	2	3	10
New England Otter Trawl	1	4	2	3	10
Southeastern, Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico HMS Shark Bottom Longline	0	4	1	5	10
Pelagic H&L Fleet (North)	1	4	1	3	9
Mid-Atlantic Extra-Large-Mesh Gillnet	1	2	1	5	9
New England Gillnet	1	2	1	5	9
South Atlantic Skimmer shrimp Trawl	3	2	1	3	9

