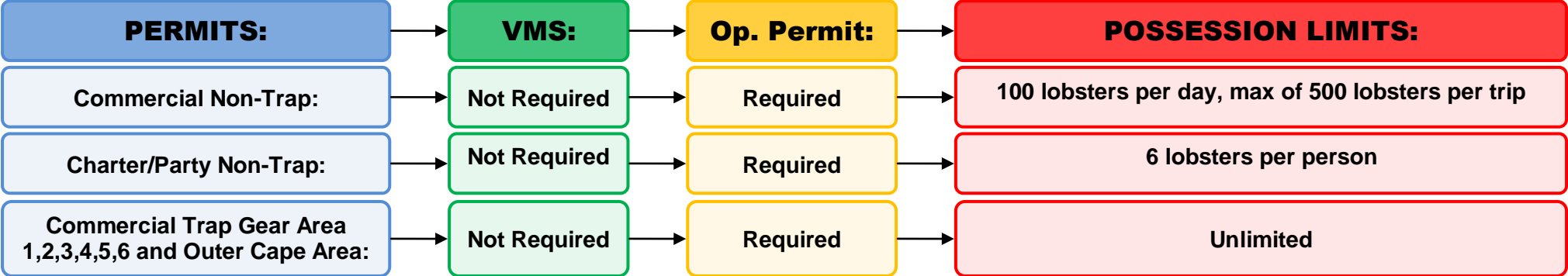


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Gear Requirements:

Escape Vent

Must be located in the parlor section of the trap.

Ghost Panel

Must be located in the parlor section of the trap and cover an opening of at least 3-3/4" square and be attached with a biodegradable fastener.

Trap size

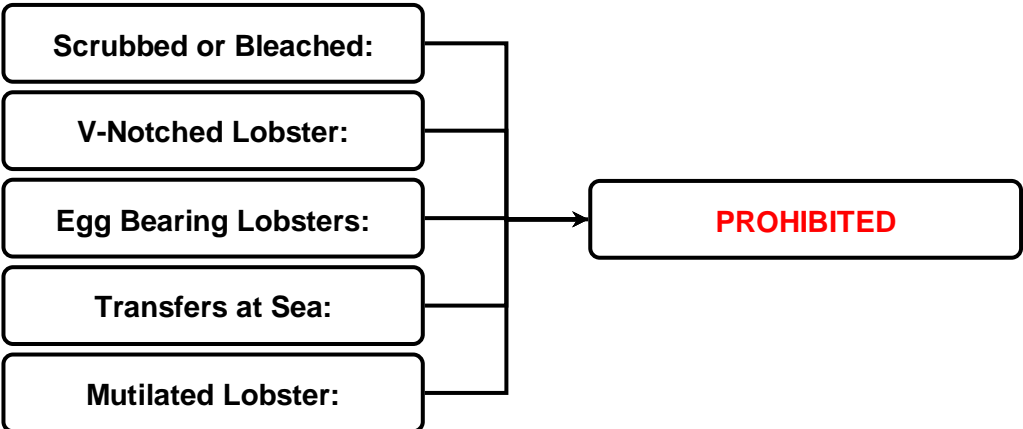
Near shore management areas are not to exceed 25,245 cubic inches in volume.
Offshore management areas are not to exceed 30,100 cubic inches in volume.

Trap ID

A tag with an identifying number assigned by the Regional Administrator; or positive identification marking is required by the vessel's home-port state. TRAP TAGS MUST IDENTIFY MANAGEMENT AREA LISTED ON PERMIT.

Additional Gear Requirements: see page 22-3 and ALWTRP Trap/Pot Fisheries Section

ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES:



Mutilated Definition:

Lobsters must have an intact and measurable body and tail. Lobsters that have lost one or both claws are not mutilated.

Standard V-Notch Definitions:

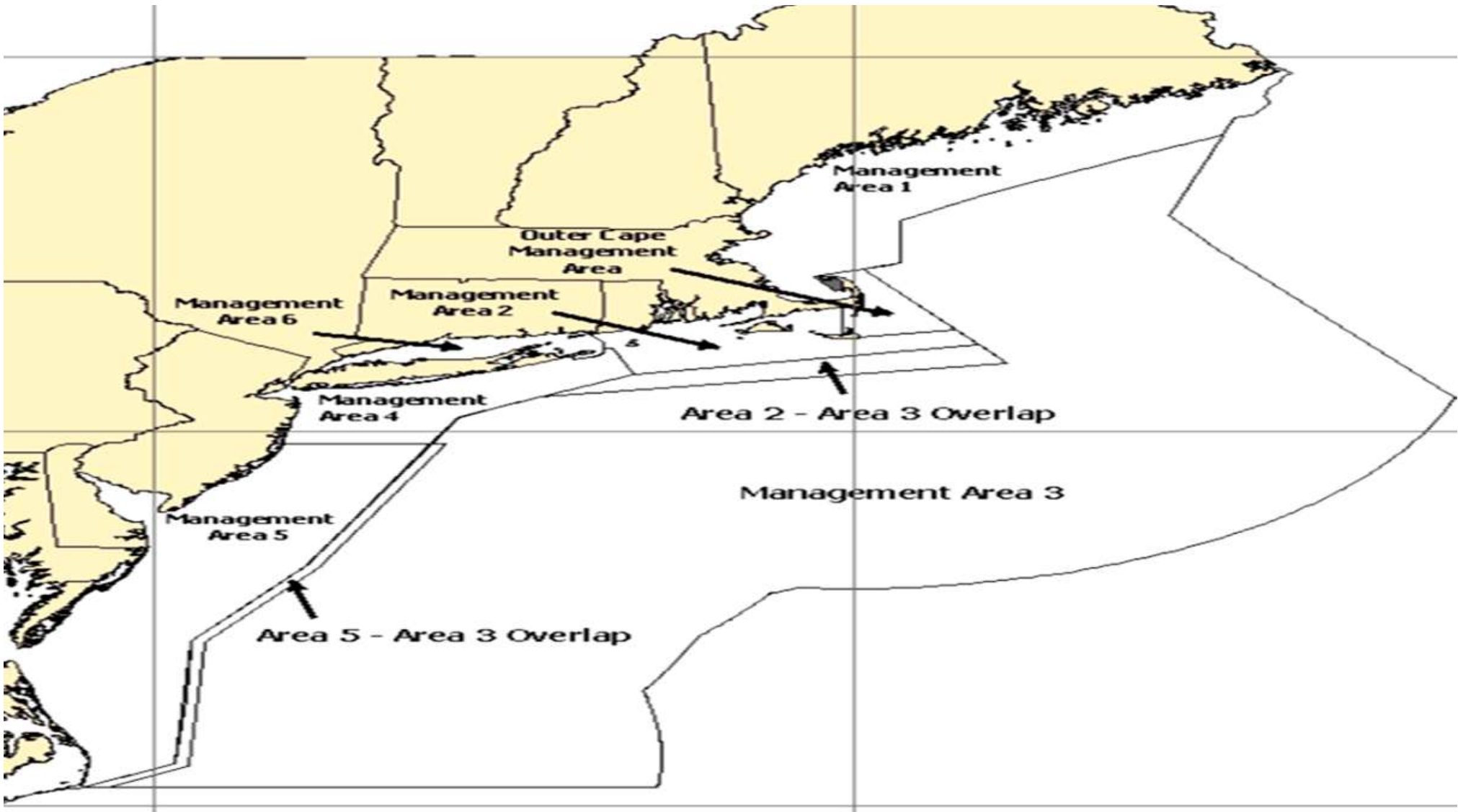
A Female American lobster bearing "any notch or indentation at least as deep as 1/8-inch, with or without setal hairs", in the flipper next to and to the right of the center flipper as viewed from the rear of the lobster (underside of the lobster down and tail toward the viewer), or any female American lobster that is mutilated in a manner that could hide or obliterate such a mark.

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Transfer at Sea

Prohibited

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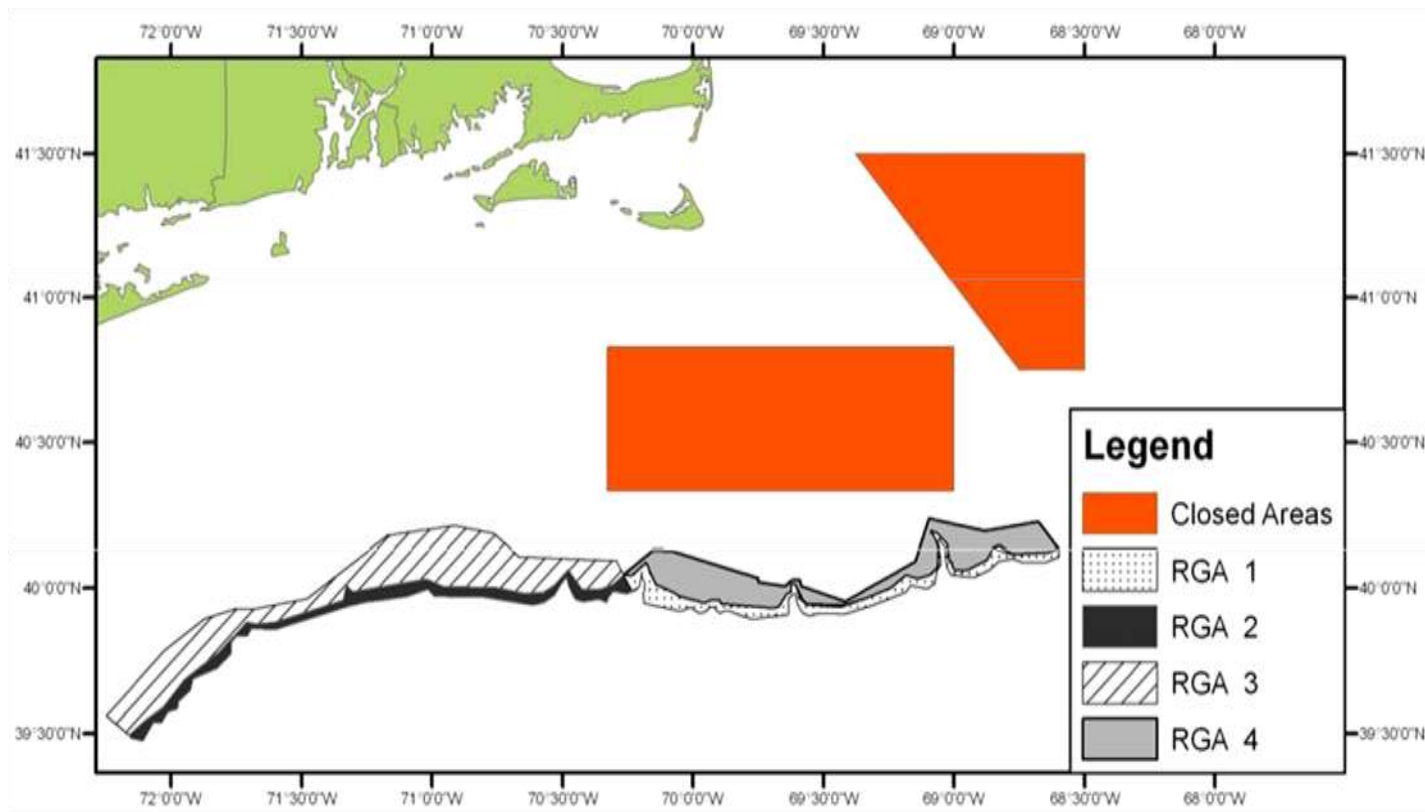
Management Measures

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Area 6	Outer Cape
Minimum Carapace Size	3 ¼"	3 ⅜"	3 ½"	3 ⅜"	3 ⅜"	3 ⅜"*	3 ⅜"
Maximum Carapace Size	5"	5 ¼"	6 ¾"	5 ¼"	5 ¼"	5 ¼"	6 ¾"
Escape Vent Rectangular	1 15/16 x 5 ¾"	2 x 5 ¾"	2 1/16 x 5 ¾"	2 x 5 ¾"	2 x 5 ¾"	2 x 5 ¾"	2 x 5 ¾"
Escape Vent Circular	2 7/16"	2 ⅝"	2 11/16"	2 ⅝"	2 ⅝"	2 ⅝"	2 ⅝"
Trap Limit	800	800	Not to exceed 1,945	Not to exceed 1,440	Not to exceed 1,440	State waters only	800
V-Notch Marking Requirements	Mandatory marking for all egg bearing lobsters	Voluntary marking	Mandatory marking for all egg bearing lobsters above 42°30' N. Lat.	Voluntary marking	Voluntary marking	Voluntary marking	Voluntary marking
V-Notch Possession Definition	Zero Tolerance	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")	Standard V-notch definition (1/8")

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Closed Areas: pg 11-27 may also apply

Mobile Gear and Lobster Trap/Pot RGAs:



Mobile Gear and Lobster Trap/Pot RGAs

RGA	Closed to mobile gear	Closed to trap/pot gear
I	October 1 - June 15	June 16 – September 30
II	November 27 - June 15	June 16 – November 26
III	June 16 - November 26	January 1 – April 30
IV	June 16 - September 30	No closure