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*****ATTENTION STRIPED BASS GILL NET HARVESTERS*****

Changes to the striped bass regulations that will affect the December, 2011 and 2012 gill net seasons have been proposed. The earliest date these regulations will be **effective is November 28, 2011**. The proposed regulations **will require gill net fisherman to mark each marker, cork, or float on their gill net with their license number or mark the float line of a drift gill net at least once every 50 feet**. Please note the following regarding the new regulation:

- If multiple striped bass permit holders are aboard a vessel, only one of the permit holders has to have the net marked with their license number;
- If multiple striped bass permit holders share a gill net, the license number of each permit holder may be placed on it;
- If a vessel has a complication and cannot retrieve a net, the permit holders aboard the vessel must contact NRP at 800-628-9944 to let them know that another vessel may be retrieving the net.

The complete package of proposed regulations, including the addition of cork marking, increased penalties, and upcoming hailing program, can be found at:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/regulations/proposedregulations.asp>.

The cork marking regulation will be found in Code of Maryland Regulation 08.02.15.07D. Adoption of the proposed regulations will be announced by public notice. If you have any questions, please call 410-260-8293.