

**The Bottom Line Project  
A Voluntary Maine Poly Groundline Exchange  
Survey and Registration Card**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

Zone/s fished \_\_\_\_\_ Do you hold a Federal Lobster Permit? Y N

2. Do you fish \_\_\_\_\_ singles

Circle Feet or Fathoms

Check all that apply and indicate length of rope between traps.

\_\_\_\_\_ pairs; length of rope between traps (tailers) \_\_\_\_\_ Ft / Fath

\_\_\_\_\_ triples; length of rope between traps (tailers) \_\_\_\_\_ Ft / Fath

\_\_\_\_\_ trawls; # traps per trawl \_\_\_\_\_ length of rope between traps \_\_\_\_\_ Ft / Fath

\_\_\_\_\_ other configuration; please describe \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you fish pairs, triples, or trawls, do you currently use poly on your groundlines/tailer warps? Y N

4. Are you interested in participating in the Bottom Line Project by exchanging your poly groundlines/tailer warps for a voucher toward the purchase of sink rope?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe, contact me again later.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, I only fish singles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, I already use sink rope on my groundlines/tailers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not agree with the program.

If you answer YES or MAYBE, continue with the survey. If you answer NO, please return the survey now, after having filled in questions 1-4.

5. If Yes, *approximately* how much used poly would you return for recycling?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ft / Fathoms
- OR \_\_\_\_\_ pounds
- OR \_\_\_\_\_ trays/totes
- OR \_\_\_\_\_ 55-gal drums

Regardless of how much rope or the method you use to estimate the amount, all poly must be prepared for collection the same way — hand-winding into manageable coils.

6. Considering your fishing schedule, which month would work best for you to participate in the exchange?

- \_\_\_\_\_ March 2007
- \_\_\_\_\_ April 2007
- \_\_\_\_\_ May 2007
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (list here) \_\_\_\_\_

While we cannot accommodate every preference, we will try to schedule the dates to benefit the greatest number of fishermen in each area.

7. Where do you primarily buy your rope? List all outlets.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

We will provide a list of participating rope dealers where vouchers can be redeemed toward the purchase of sink rope.

8. The Final Whale Rule is due out soon, and we expect a ban on floating groundlines/tailer warps in much of Maine's waters. Please tell us how you think your fishing would be affected; include your opinion on financial and operational results of such a ban. Continue on the flip side if you need more space.

**Thank you for completing the survey.**

Please fold it so the GOMLF mailing address is showing and mail it back.

**Survey Deadline: "Don't be a turkey – Return it before Thanksgiving!" (11/23/06)**