

## **9 Marking of Fishing Gear**

In order to carry out their duties, Government vessels must operate wherever necessary and cannot be confined to customary commercial routes. Government vessels are instructed to exercise reasonable care to avoid damage to fish nets, traps and trawl lines. Similarly, fishermen should exercise reasonable precautions for protection of their nets when setting their equipment. Accordingly, fishermen are warned that they cannot expect favorable consideration of claims for damage to their nets, traps and trawls, attributed to Government vessels, unless they are marked in a manner so that, under prevailing conditions, the markers are visible to a ship's lookout in sufficient time to avoid fouling their gear.

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