

GEAR MARKING EASTERN CANADA
for non-tended fixed gear fisheries, as well as crab trap and lobster trap fisheries
MANDATORY COLOUR SCHEME

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	GLF - blue		MAR - black		NL - red		QC - green		Multi-region fishery ¹	
Toad crab	X	purple			X	purple	X	purple		
Rock crab	X	Blue *	X	blue	X	blue	X	blue		
Lobster	X	yellow	X	yellow	X	yellow	X	yellow		
Whelk	X	white	X	white	X	white	X	white		
Snow crab	X	orange	X	orange	X	orange	X	orange	X	orange
Gillnet - small pelagic	X	grey	X	grey	X	grey	X	grey		
Gillnet – groundfish	X	brown	X	brown	X	brown	X	brown		
Longline	X	pink	X	pink	X	pink	X	pink		
Squid (trap)					X	green				
Cod (trap/pot)					X	red *				
Shrimp trap			X	green						
Hagfish			X	black *						
Red crab			X	red						
Jonah crab			X	purple						
LFA 41			X	2						

*Blue & blue, black & black and/or red & red combination means there should be two distinct strands of the same colour interlaced within the same rope section (one single strand is not acceptable)

¹ “Multi-region fishery” is specific to instances of inter-regionally managed fisheries, where each Region is wholly responsible for managing their own fleet but they share the exact same fishing area, licence conditions, and so on, as another fleet in another Region. Each Region issues the same licence conditions to their harvesters. A common base colour was given to ensure a regional division was not created within a shared industry.

² Pattern strand is necessary as no other solid colours are available. The selected fisheries must use a twine that contains a two colour pattern on one of the single strands (yellow/black pattern, red/white pattern). This is to be used in addition to the Regional colour. See Annex 2 for a pamphlet showing examples of twine colours including a yellow/black patterned strand colour and a red/white pattern strand colour (respectively named “lemon tartan” and “Oh Canada” in pamphlet).

Other: As some fish harvesters use the same gear to fish multiple fisheries (e.g. lobster, rock crab and Jonah crab), there may be a provision for them to have a different colour than others to acknowledge, at a minimum, that it can be from either of those fisheries. This option will be discussed with relevant harvesters to determine if it will be appropriate to implement.

EASTERN CANADA COLOUR SCHEME PER FISHING AREA (third colour) FOR LOBSTER & SNOW CRAB

As some of the interregional snow crab fisheries in the Gulf of St Lawrence already have some colour marking, efforts were made to avoid completely new colour schemes.

The following is the Eastern Canada break down of the colour scheme for lobster and snow crab fishing areas, per Region:

- the double stacked cells represent the regional colour (top) and species colour (bottom), with the single cell immediately to their right representing the fishing area colour.

Additional notes:

- Areas showing “none” in the single cell means that a third colour is not applied.
- Some harvesters fish in multiple fishing areas. Unless otherwise specified, the category “*Multiple area*” includes these fish harvesters only. This was done so twines do not have to be interchanged between fisheries.

GULF REGION

Lobster fishing area colours

23		24		25		26A		26B		Multiple areas	
blue	red	blue	green	Blue	none	blue	white	blue	black	blue	yellow
yellow		Yellow		Yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow	

Snow Crab fishing area colours

12		12E		12F		19		Multiple areas	
yellow	none	yellow	yellow	yellow	blue	blue	green	blue	yellow
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

MARITIMES REGION

Lobster fishing area colours

27	28	29	30	31A	31B	32
black yellow	blue yellow	black yellow	grey	black yellow	black yellow	black yellow
		brown	yellow / black pattern	pink	purple	white

33	34	35	36	38
Black Yellow	black yellow	black yellow	black yellow	black yellow
orange	none	green	red	black

41	multiple areas
black red/white	black yellow
none	yellow

Snow crab fishing area colours

North-ENS	23	24	4x	Multiple areas
black orange	black orange	black orange	black orange	black Orange
none	green	black	blue	yellow

NEWFOUNLAND & LABRADOR REGION

Lobster fishing area colours

3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
red	red / white pattern	red	black / white pattern	red	yellow / black pattern	red	orange	red	green	red	black	red	brown
yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow	

10		11		12		13A		13B	
red	grey	red	none	red	red	red	blue	red	yellow
yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow	

14A		14B		14C	
red	white	red	purple	red	pink
yellow		yellow		yellow	

Snow crab management area colours

2J North		2J South		3A		3B, 3C, 3BC		3D		4		5A	
red	navy blue	red	blue	red	black / white pattern	red	yellow / black pattern	red	black / blue pattern	red	yellow / green pattern	red	red / white pattern
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

6A		6B		6C, 8A		9A		3LNO < 65'		3NO > 65'		11E	
red	pink / blue pattern	red	red / green pattern	red	orange	red	black	red	purple	red	grey	red	pink
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

11W		10A Inner		10A Outer, 10B, 11S		Outside 8 mile		Area 12 inshore		13	
red	red	red	brown	red	white	red	yellow	red	green	red	none
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

QUEBEC REGION

Lobster fishing area colours

15		16		17		18		19		20A		20B	
green	red	green	green	green	black	green	blue	green	brown	green	white	green	grey
yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow		yellow	

21		22		Multiple areas	
green	orange	green	none	green	yellow
yellow		yellow		yellow	

Snow crab fishing area colours

12		12A		12B		12C		12E		12F		13	
yellow	none	green	green	green	blue	green	pink	yellow	yellow	yellow	blue	green	none
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

14		15		16		16A		17		Multiple areas	
green	white	green	orange	green	red	green	none	green	black	green	yellow
orange		orange		orange		orange		orange		orange	

Toad crab fishing area colour

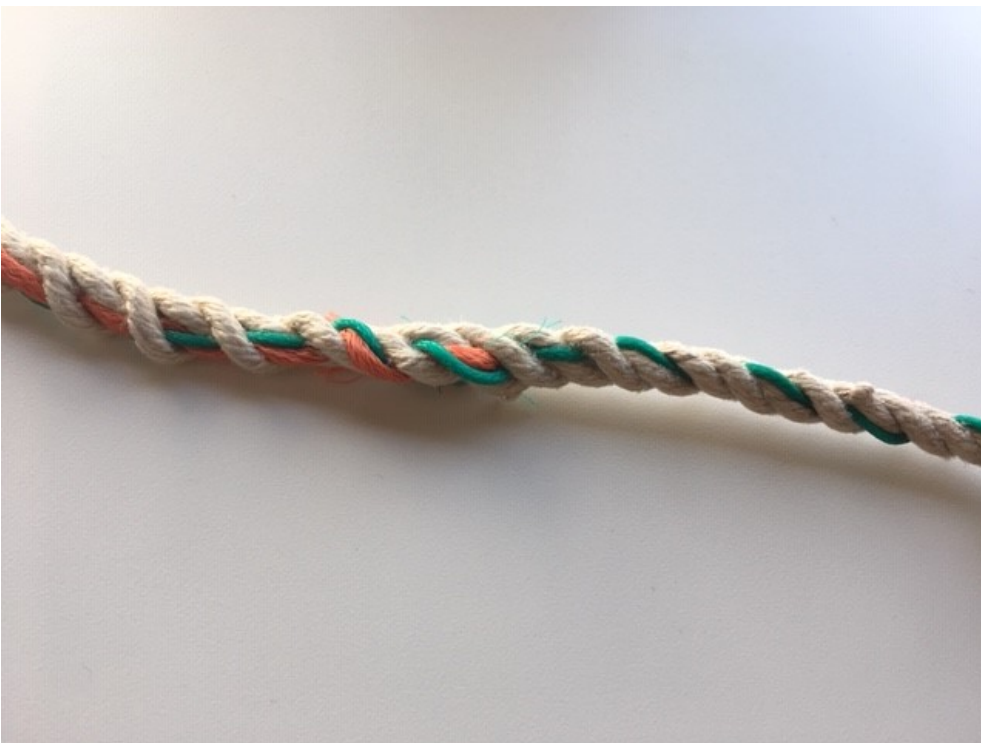
12	
yellow	purple
Orange	

ANNEX 1
Interlacing coloured twine within existing rope

Figure A - Colour combo identifying Region and Species
as per colour scheme this is Quebec (green), snow crab (orange) interlaced on same rope section

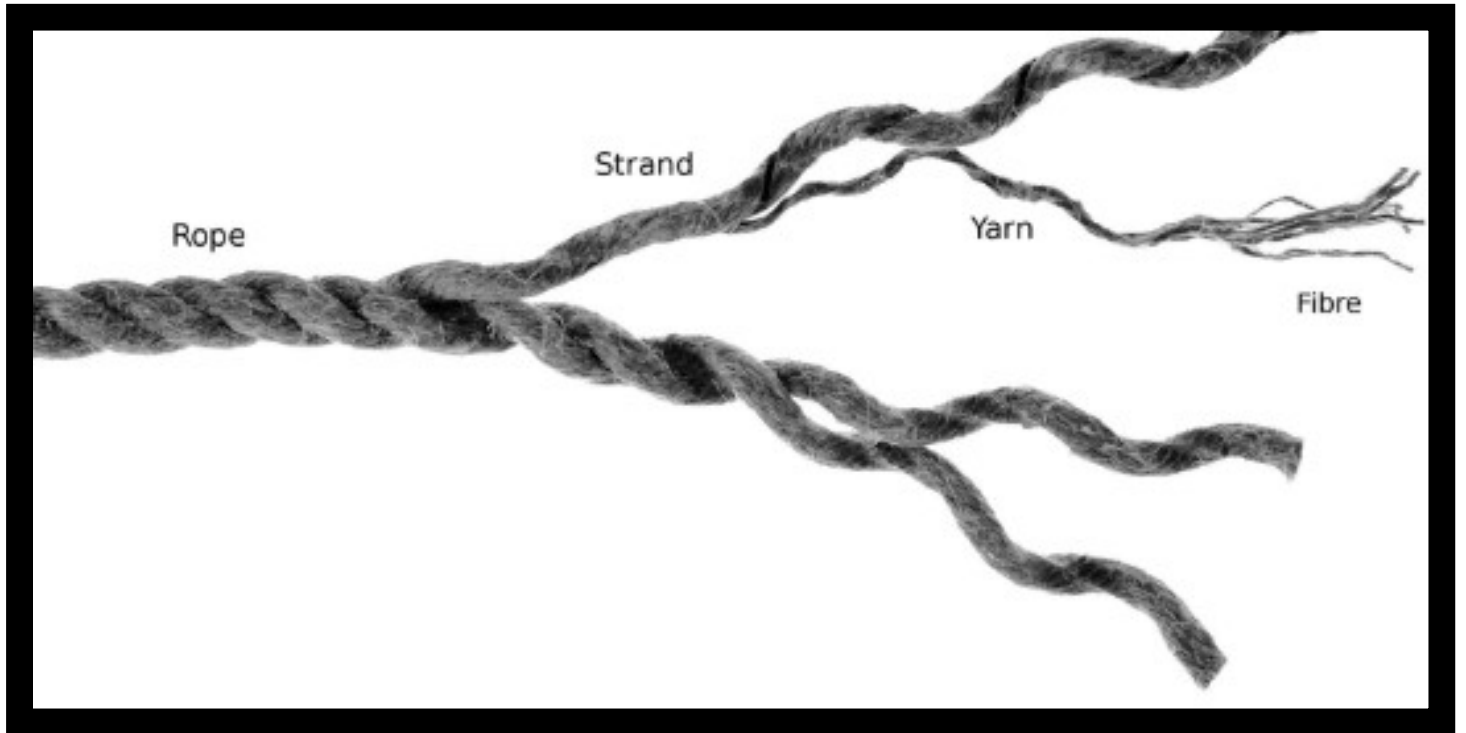


Figure B - Colour combo identifying Region, Species and Fishing Area
Region & species interlaced on same section of rope, Fishing area on subsequent section of rope
as per colour scheme this would be Quebec (green), snow crab (orange), CFA 12A (green)



ANNEX 2

Parts of a rope



ANNEX 3

New rope with Integrated coloured yarns

Colour combo identifying Region, Species and Fishing Area throughout full length of rope:

- Region & species coloured yarns interlaced on same strand
- Fishing area coloured yarn interlaced on a subsequent strand

as per colour scheme this would be Maritimes (black), lobster (yellow), LFA 35 (green)



Close up:



ANNEX 4

Coloured twine pamphlet

Canadian company pamphlet showing twine colours and patterns:

