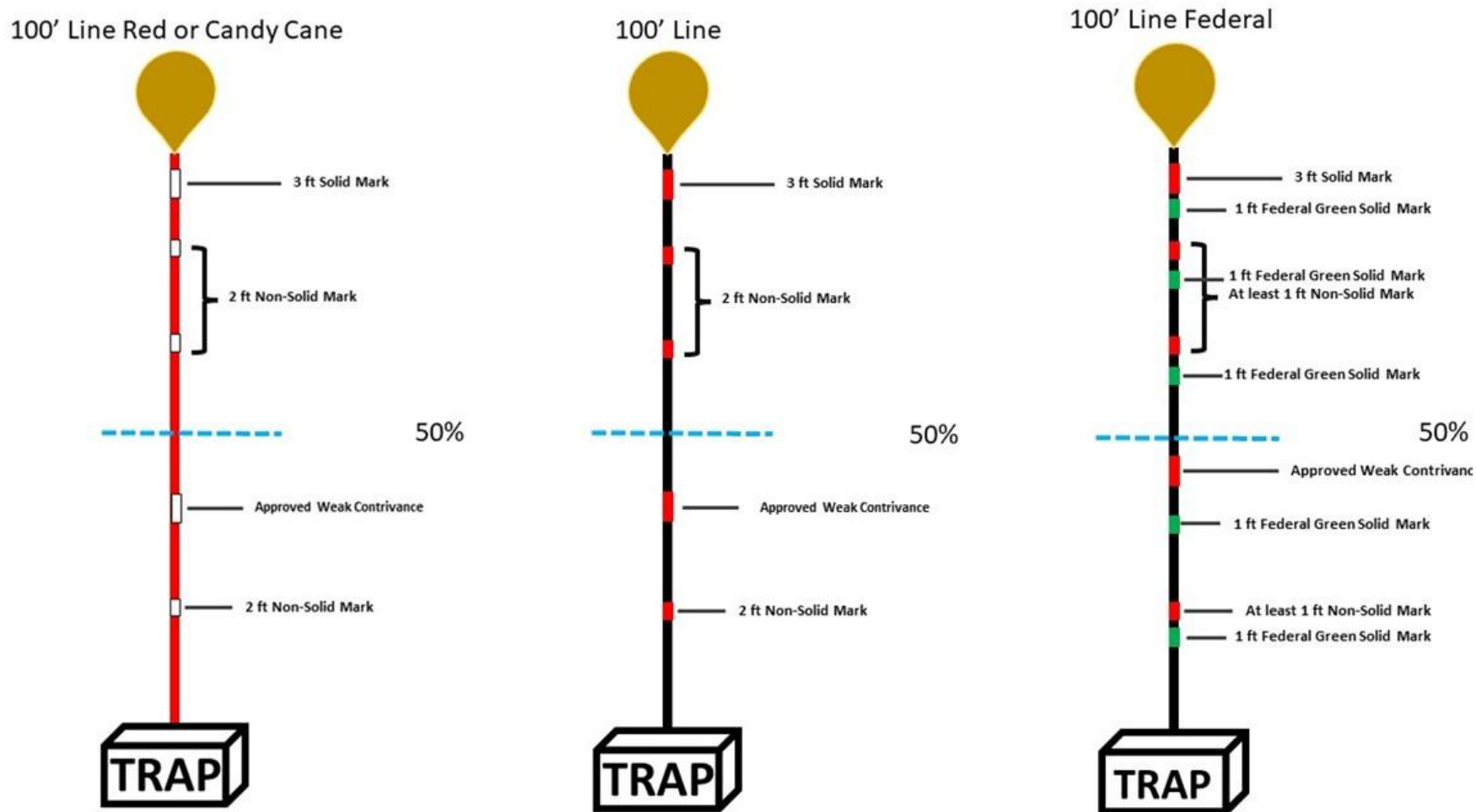


Massachusetts Buoy Line Marking Examples



- A vertical line is a buoy line begins at the buoy and extends to the first trap on a single, or in the case of a trawl begins at the buoy and ends at the groundline.
- One **SOLID RED** (or **WHITE**) mark at 3 feet in length within 1st 2 fathoms (12 feet) of the buoy
- Weak Contrivances must be in the **TOP 75%** of the vertical Line. If using plastic links as contrivances, an additional gear mark will be needed.
- Guides to Contrivances can be found at: <https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2021-11/Massachusetts%20Summary%2011152021.pdf>
- Minimum of **TWO RED** (or **WHITE**) **NON-SOLID** marks each being at least 2 feet in length in the top 50% of the buoy line.
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- **ONE** of those being the weak contrivance at 60 feet (If the weak link is Red or Candy Cane rope)
- No length of buoy line **GREATER** than 60 feet **WITHOUT** a mark is allowed, marks must be adjusted accordingly if the line is **LONGER** than 100 ft
- If fishing within **FEDERAL** waters, a 1-foot **GREEN SOLID** mark is required within **6 INCHES** of **EVERY RED** mark. These **NON-SOLID** Red marks must be at least 1 foot.

