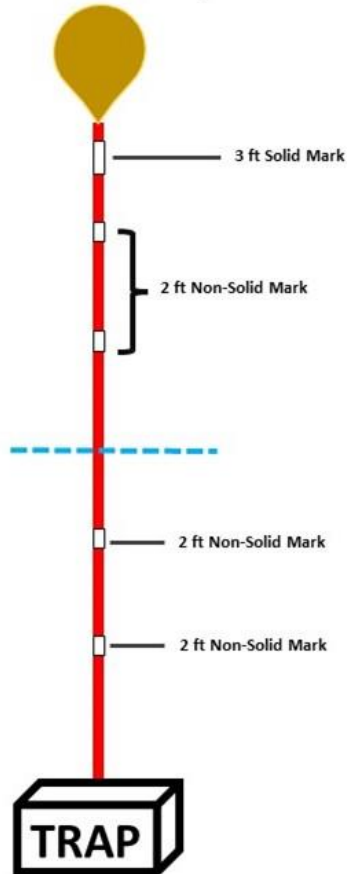


Massachusetts Buoy Line Marking Examples

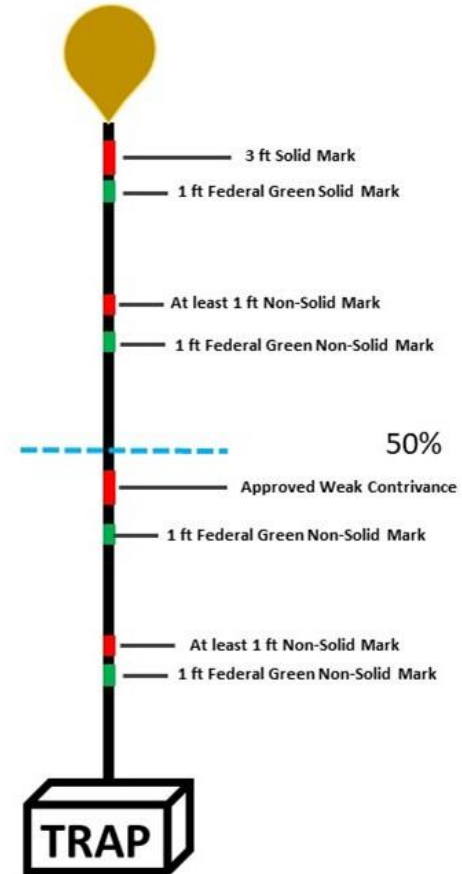
100' Line Red or Candy Cane



100' Line



100' Line Federal



- 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 occur every 60 feet in the **TOP 75%** of the buoy line. If using plastic links as contrivances, an additional gear mark will be needed.
- If fishing approved, fully formed weak rope in the **TOP 75%**, **NO** contrivances are required
- If a splice of red or candy cane weak rope or a South Shore Sleeve with a red tracer is used, then that contrivance may double as a buoy line mark
- 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.
- Minimum of **TWO RED** (or **WHITE**) **NON-SOLID** marks each being at least 2 feet in length in the bottom 50% of the buoy line
- 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 feet
- If fishing within **FEDERAL** waters, a 1-foot **GREEN SOLID** mark is required within **6 INCHES** of **EVERY RED SOLID** mark.
- If fishing within **FEDERAL** waters, after every **NON-SOLID RED** mark, a **NON-SOLID GREEN** mark is required

