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Subject: RE: Omega Gauge
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Thank you all.

Captain King, can you please provide the Omega specifications, as well as a summary of how the USCG uses the instrument, that we can include in the regulations? See example below from 50 CFR 628.51(a)(2)(ii).

Thank you!

Measurement of mesh size. Mesh size is measured by using **an electronic Omega Gauge or a wedge-shaped gauge**. The Omega Gauge ((insert specifications + use). The wedge-shaped gauge has a taper of 2 cm (0.79 inches) in 8 cm (3.15 inches) and a thickness of 2.3 mm (0.09 inches) **and is** inserted into the meshes under a pressure or pull of 5 kg (11.02 lb) for mesh size less than 120 mm (4.72 inches) and under a pressure or pull of 8 kg (17.64 lb) for mesh size at, or greater than, 120 mm (4.72 inches). The mesh size is the average of the measurements of any series of 20 consecutive meshes for nets having 75 or more meshes, and 10 consecutive meshes for nets having fewer than 75 meshes. The mesh in the regulated portion of the net is measured at least five meshes away from the lacings running parallel to the long axis of the net.

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Gentlemen,

As the Omega Gauge is now been approved for CG use OLE is working with SFD and GC Enforcement to get Omega Gauge into the regulations as soon as possible. Hopefully, this will be quick process but will depend if this was originally a council decision or something NMFS put into place. If this was a decision but NMFS it can be done as a secretarial action which can be accomplished quickly, if this was a council action it would take a bit longer. I'll keep

you in the loop in how this is progressing, if you have any specific language you would like in to see in the regulatory text let me know.

Don