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MEMORANDUM FOR:       A.I.S., Inc.,
                         East West Technical Services,
                         Fathoms Research LLC, and
                         MRAG Americas
                         At-Sea Monitors, Industry Funded Scallops Observers, and
                         Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Observers

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SUBJECT:                New Entanglement Situation Code

This memo is to inform observers that a new entanglement situation code has recently been created and is available for use immediately. The new code, 33 – Caught in the Buoyline, was requested by the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) and the NEFSC’s Protected Species Branch in order to better characterize entanglements of marine mammals, sea turtles and seabirds that occur in the buoynets of gillnets and pot trap trips. Please consult with Bill Greer, Incidental Take Lead, (William.Greer@noaa.gov, 508-495-2126) or your editor if you have questions on use of this code.

Attachment: None