

**482.7 Gear attendance.**

1. A commercial fisher, commercial turtle harvester, or commercial roe harvester licensee must be present when commercial gear is operated. A commercial fish helper or commercial turtle helper shall not operate commercial gear except under the direct supervision of a commercial fisher, commercial turtle harvester, or commercial roe harvester. A nonresident commercial turtle helper is licensed only to assist a licensed nonresident commercial turtle harvester. Commercial gear shall be lifted and emptied of catch as provided by the rules of the commission. Constant attendance by the commercial fisher of seines, trammel nets, and gill nets is required when the gear is fished by driving, drive-seining, seining, floating, or drifting methods. Officers of the commission may grant a reasonable extension of gear attendance intervals only upon the request of a commercial fisher, commercial turtle harvester, or commercial roe harvester specifying why such an extension is necessary.

2. For the purposes of [this section](#), “*direct supervision*” means that a commercial fisher, commercial turtle harvester, or commercial roe harvester must be in the same boat, within hand-signal distance, or within vocal communication distance, without the help of any electronic or amplifying device, of the commercial fish helper or commercial turtle helper being supervised.

[86 Acts, ch 1141, §7](#)

C87, §109B.7

C93, §482.7

[2009 Acts, ch 144, §25](#)

Referred to in [§482.9, 805.8B\(3\)\(d\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fines, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph d