

TEN GOLDEN RULES

FOR SURFACE LONGLINE FISHING TO SAVE PROTECTED SPECIES

- 1. Ensure your vessel has onboard the current Surface Longline Operational Procedures (OPs), a Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PSRMP), and the current surface longline regulations, and that you and your crew are familiar with them.**
- 2. As legally required during setting ensure you are either using:**
 - A tori line and setting at night (0.5 hrs after nautical dusk to 0.5 hrs before dawn), **OR**
 - A tori line and line weighting to legal specifications, **OR**
 - Hook-shielding devices on 100% of your hooks set.
- 3. Ensure your tori line meets legal specifications and always maintains a 75m aerial extent.** Ensure it is adjustable so it stays over the mainline and carry ample spare parts.
- 4. Ensure you meet the line weighting legal standards, at a minimum use:**
 - ≥40g within 0.5m of hook, **OR**
 - ≥45 g within 1m of hook, **OR**
 - ≥60g within 3.5m of hook, **OR**
 - ≥98g within 4m of hook.
- 5. No discharge of offal or fish waste immediately before or during setting** and use thawed bait.
- 6. While hauling, either hold or batch discharge offal, fish waste, and bait from the side opposite to the hauling station,** and return live fish (meeting legal requirements) as quickly as practicable.
- 7. While ensuring safe operating standards, minimise additional and unnecessary lighting** so as not to attract or disorientate seabirds, especially while sheltering or at anchor.
- 8. Ensure you and your crew are familiar with and follow safe protected species handling procedures and protocols** (See DOC Handling and Release Guide). Record and report bird band numbers to bandingoffice@doc.govt.nz
- 9. Notify your local Liaison Officer (same day) when protected species captures reach a Trigger point.** The Trigger points are outlined in your PSRMP. Assess the event and if possible, implement further methods for risk reduction.
- 10. Report protected species captures by ERS.** Remember it is not illegal to catch a protected species, however it is illegal to not report it!

For support phone your local Liaison Officer.