

TEN GOLDEN RULES

FOR INSHORE BOTTOM LONGLINERS TO SAVE PROTECTED SPECIES

- 1. Ensure your vessel has on board the current inshore Bottom Longline Operational Procedures (OP), a Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PSRMP), and the current bottom longline regulations, and that you and your crew are familiar with them.**
- 2. Ensure your tori line meets legal specifications**, is adjustable so it stays over the mainline and carry ample spare parts (see the BLL tori line guide for extra help).
- 3. Be aware of high-risk periods, and maintain a 50m aerial extent during these times:**
 - During daylight hours (0.5 hrs before nautical dawn and 0.5 hrs after nautical dusk)
 - During a full moon and three days either side of a full moon
- 4. As legally required, when setting, weight your lines to achieve a depth of 5m (on slowest sinking hooks) within the aerial extent of the streamer line.** Carry out monthly sink rate tests as required by the regulations and maintain a record of the results on board.
- 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 as per legal requirements.** Discharge of any offal or fish waste is not permitted on the hauling side of vessel, unless a hauling mitigation device is deployed, **and** the fish is either alive or >30cm in length.
- 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.