

Bottle Test Record Sheet

Conduct testing at least once per fishing month for each general gear type/configuraton in use

VESSEL NAME:

- Notes:**
- Bottle testing is part of the BLL Mitigation Standards for fishermen to demonstrate baited hooks have an adequate sink-rate-depth during and outside of high risk periods
 - Refer to the **Bottle Test Guidelines** sheet on how to conduct testing for hook depth while setting gear
 - Alternatively, Time Depth Recorders (TDRs) can be used instead of the Bottle Test to achieve this same information.
 - There should be one sink test record per month for each gear type (in use) listed in the vessel PSRMP. Please note of any new gear configurations
 - It is important to observe sink test results across a range of weather/sea/tide conditions to form an accurate picture over time of how fast the gear sinks.
 - Contact your LO if you have and problems or questions regarding this form or gear sink depth testing
 - NB: Daytime tests will be more accurate than night time tests, in low/no light it can be difficult to tell when the bottle sinks below surface
 - Please keep an accurate record of these test results for at least 1 year

DATE	TIME	5m or 10m TEST (*Depth of slowest sinking hook)	ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM STERN (Metres)	DAY or NIGHT TEST	BOAT SPEED AT TIME OF TEST (Ave. kn)	TORI LINE AERIAL EXTENT (Ave. distance from stern in metres)	DID BOTTLE SINK WITHIN AERIAL EXTENT OF TORI LINE (Y/N)	GEAR CODE	AVERAGE LINE WEIGHTING CONFIG. (kg / metre)	FLOATS IN USE? (Dia.)	BACKBONE DIAMETER & DESCRIPTION	Comments
<i>example:</i> 3/11/2020	1300	5 m	50 m	Day	4.5 knots	50 m	Y	LIN1	5kg per 60m	150mm	3.0mm monofilament	bad weather

