



10 Golden Rules for Non-Fish and Protected Species Catch Reporting

- Fisheries regulations require reporting of ALL non-fish and protected species (see back) captures, i.e. it is an offence to fail to report – all permit-holders and skippers must know the law.
- 2. This means non fish or protected species that are brought aboard and are unable to move freely (entangled or held) and leave any part of the fishing gear (which includes for e.g. tori lines and paravanes).
- 3. Deck strikes (seabirds injured or dead from colliding with the vessel) as well as any alive and released animals must also be reported.
- 4. Instructions for electronic reporting can be seen here:

 http://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/28818-e-logbook-users-instructions-and-codes
- 5. Vessels using paper catch effort logbooks are required by law to also have a Non-Fish Protected Species Catch Return on board (instructions are in this logbook and regulations on the back of this page).
- Government observers file their own reports on protected species capture
 events but this does NOT mean the vessel's obligation to report has been
 removed.
- 7. If unsure of the species name use the generic codes provided.
- 8. Treat all animals with respect and care (dead or alive).
- 9. Return all non-fish and protected species to the sea promptly and carefully unless required by a Government observer to retain.
- 10. Unauthorised retention or any further interference with protected species is an offence under the Wildlife Act.





Protected species in New Zealand waters include:

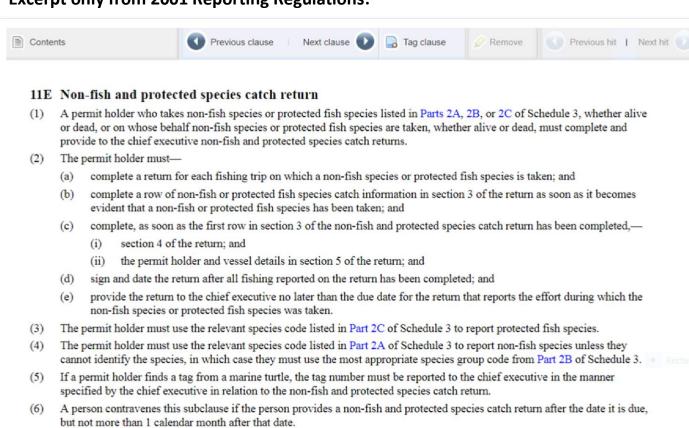
- All seabirds
- All marine mammals e.g. whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions
- Turtles
- Most coral species black, gorgonian, stony and hydrocorals
- Great white, whale, oceanic whitetip, basking and deepwater nurse sharks
- Manta rays and spine tailed devil rays
- Giant and spotted black grouper

Non-fish species examples:

- Sponges
- Bryozoans
- Any other corals

Excerpt only from 2001 Reporting Regulations:

than 1 calendar month after the date it is due.



A person contravenes this subclause if the person provides or fails to provide a non-fish and protected species catch return more

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