TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR LING LONGLINERS TO SAVE SEABIRDS

1. Ensure your vessel has the current Ling Bottom Longline Operational Procedures (OPs) and bottom longline seabird regulations on board.

2. Ensure tori line meets legal standards, is always deployed when fishing (day & night), is adjustable over the mainline of your gear and carry ample spare parts.

3. As legally required, ensure tori line is correct length for your vessel size, well-constructed, when deployed has min. of 50 m aerial extent and the backbone is fitted with a set of brightly coloured streamers spaced at no more than 5 m intervals.

4. Know the line weighting legal standards. Use integrated lead weighted line (IWL) or for backbone over 3.5 mm add minimum 4 kg metal weight evenly spread over every 60 m of hook bearing line. Confirm your weight regime matches the law for any additional floats.

5. If you're not line weighting in accordance with legal standards, set only at night (i.e. between nautical dusk and dawn) as legally required.

6. Manage the discharge (i.e. no continuous discharge) of offal, fish waste and used bait. You cannot discharge any offal or fish waste while setting.

7. While hauling only discharge offal, fish waste and used bait from the opposite side of the vessel to the hauling station, as legally required.

8. Autoline vessels must ensure the baiting machine is well-maintained and achieves a high (i.e. >95%) baiting percentage. The use of totally frozen bait is to be avoided. Ensure any unhooked bait is retained and not lost overboard.

9. Advise DWG (same day) when seabird captures reach Trigger Point. Email DWG Trigger Point Report to admin@deepwatergroup.org. Assess event and implement further risk reduction measures. Trigger points are:
- Within any 24-hour period, 5 dead small (e.g. petrel/shearwater) or 3 dead big (albatross/mollymawk); or
- Within any 7-day period, 10 birds dead or released alive (all species).

10. As legally required, report all seabird captures by ERS or in the Non-fish Protected Species Catch Return logbook and furnish to FishServe. Record and report bird band numbers.