

TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR SQU 6T & SBW 6I FISHERY

- 1.** Ensure your vessel has the current Fisheries New Zealand SQU 6T and SBW 6I Operational Plans on board as well as the DWG seasonal fleet notices. Ensure senior crew are familiar with the standards and comply.
- 2.** Always notify Fisheries New Zealand - at least 72 hours prior to departure - of your intention to sail and enter the SQU 6T fishery.
- 3.** Ensure all weekly or daily tow and marine mammal reporting is complete, timely and accurate.
- 4.** Ensure your SLEDs have a current net-shed certificate and you have copies on board.
- 5.** Check the SLED briefly after every tow and fully against the SLED specifications every week. Check the SLED thoroughly when damage is suspected.
- 6.** Ensure at-sea maintenance meets specifications. Badly damaged SLEDs must be reported to DWG and returned to the net shed for repair. Never use a SLED damaged beyond the specifications.
- 7.** Advise DWG prior to any transfer of a SLED to another vessel.
- 8.** Minimise the time the net is near or on the surface, complete turns quickly, keep trawl at fishing depth, or bring doors up to surface to close the net wing-ends.
- 9.** Immediately report marine mammal triggers (take 2 pictures of the animal) to DWG admin@deepwatergroup.org. Assess event and implement further risk reduction measures.
- 10.** As legally required, report all captures via your vessel's Electronic Reporting System.