

Deepwater BLL OPs Observer Review Form



Trip Number	Vessel Name	Observer name	Trip start date	Trip end date	Sets observed
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Record Yes (Y), No (N), Unknown (U) or Not Applicable (N/A) in the box provided, if you answer N or U to any questions (except Items 3, 4 & 12) then please make detailed comments on the reverse.

- Item 1. Did the vessel carry a copy of the DWG BLL Operational Procedures (OP) on board that was made available upon request?
- Item 2. Were the crew familiar with the contents of the BLL – OP?
- Item 3. Were any seabird or marine mammal ‘trigger-points’ activated during the trip?
(if Y record details of the triggers and the action taken by the vessel)
- Item 4. Did a gear or equipment failure event occur that increased the risk of seabird or marine mammal captures? *(if Y detail the event and the action taken by the vessel)*
- Item 5. Were there any changes in crew behaviour, fishing activity, mitigation devices deployed and/or gear used following ‘trigger point’ events or during ‘high risk’ periods
(e.g. full moon, multiple capture events).

Mitigation device

- Item 6. Was a tori line used for the entirety of all sets?
- Item 7. When deployed was the aerial extent of the tori line adequate to reduce bird access to the baited hook line?
- Item 8. Were ‘fit and proper’* streamers spaced at a maximum distance of 5 m apart along the entire aerial extent of the tori line?
- Item 9. Did the vessel carry a spare tori line or sufficient parts to construct a second tori line if required?
- Item 10. Was the tori line attachment point higher than 5 m above the waterline?
- Item 11. Could the tori line be adjusted or repositioned so that streamers could be positioned over the backbone to suit varying conditions?
- Item 12. Were any other mitigation devices used (‘brickle curtain’, water cannon etc.)?
(if Y record details in the comments)

Fish Waste & Bait Management

- Item 13. Was all fish waste (including bait scraps) retained on board during setting?
- Item 14. Was the discharge from the vessel during hauling managed/controlled as per BLL–OP (i.e. no continuous discharge with all offal/used bait held & batch discarded or mealed)?
- Item 15. During hauling was all offal/used bait/whole fish either mealed or discarded on the opposite side of the vessel to which the line was hauled?
- Item 16. Did baiting machines achieve a high baiting percentage and ensure all unhooked bait was retained on board and not lost overboard during setting (autoline only)?
- Item 17. Was the use of totally frozen bait avoided?

General procedures

- Item 18. Were all plastics (including fishing plastics such as snoods, carton strapping etc.) retained on board?
- Item 19. Was setting conducted at night** or was the line weighted in accordance with legal requirements (i.e. IWL or external weighting)?
- Item 20. Were spot lights shining directly astern controlled/dimmed during night setting?
- Item 22. Were all seabird or marine mammal captures recorded on the MPI Non-fish Protected Species Catch Return logbook
- Item 22. Were seabirds or marine mammals caught and released alive handled with due care?
- Item 23. Any other comments?

*fit and proper streamers should be brightly coloured and of a sufficient length to provide a suitable deterrent to seabirds
**night is defined as between 0.5 hours after nautical dusk until 0.5 hours before nautical dawn

Please make a detailed comment for each item when required.

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