



TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR MARINE MAMMALS

- 1.** Ensure your vessel has the current DWG Marine Mammal OPs onboard and ensure senior crew are briefed and comply.
- 2.** Avoid shooting the gear when there are marine mammals visible in numbers near the vessel.
- 3.** Haul and shoot as quickly as practical and minimise time gear is on the surface for turns, repairs and breakdowns.
- 4.** Ensure all fish waste is always held during shooting and hauling.
- 5.** Remove as practicable all fish stickers from the net before shooting.
- 6.** Complete vessel turns rapidly and keep doors either hauled to or above the surface, so the wing ends are closed or below 50 m before undertaking the turn.
- 7.** Brief your crew on the JMA dolphin interaction measures. When north of 40° 30'S in JMA 7 do not shoot the net between 0230 hrs to 0430 hrs.
- 8.** Every care should be taken to release marine mammals alive. Mark any dead sea lion or fur seal with a cable tie or twine around the jaw before returning it to sea.
- 9.** Immediately report marine mammal triggers to DWG (in SQU and SBW with pictures of the animal) 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.

