

Trawl Vessel Protected Species Risk Management Plan

FV	Home Port	Call Sign	
Operator	Skipper	Date	
Vessel Photo	Fish Waste Mitigation	Warp Mitigation	

Purpose of this Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PSRMP)

This PSRMP documents the required and agreed procedures and actions to be followed on this vessel to reduce risk of protected species captures. Skipper(s) and crew must also read and understand the 10 Golden Rules for Protected Species Reporting and the Coastal Trawl and Hoki Trawl Operational Procedures which support this PSRMP.

Regulated measures for protected species reporting

It is a legal requirement to report all protected species captures using the Non-Fish/Protected Species Catch (NFPSC) Return or the Electronic Reporting Service (ERS).

Measures used by this vessel to manage the risk of non-fish protected species capture

As Required by Law	In Use?	What, When, Where or How
Report protected species captures (NFPSC return or ERS)	Υ	Owner/Skippers aware of requirements, briefing on 10 Golden Rules for Protected Species Reporting and briefed on trigger points below
Other Practices		
Coastal Trawl and Hoki OPs onboard	Υ	Vessel owner/operator briefed; both OPs on board in the OP manual
Fish waste & offal control	Υ	No continuous discharge while towing; hold and batch at intervals
(Holding batching capacity)	Y	No discharge during hauling and shooting
Warp strike mitigation device	Υ	Aft baffler with droppers & side curtain deployed 24/7 (Will not deploy the device during Hoki season - not required)
Net interactions, mitigation	Υ	Avoid shooting trawl amidst large numbers of marine mammals
Shooting & hauling	Υ	Minimise (as practicable) time gear is on/near surface
Remove stickers	Υ	Remove stickers from net (as practicable) prior to shooting
Animal welfare, release alive	Y	Return alive those fish required to be returned to the sea while still alive. Ensure birds/mammals are handled carefully and released alive
Catch sensors for Cook Strait Hoki	Υ	To minimise the risk of over-catch, reduce gear failure 'safety' issues

Contact your Liaison Officer (LO) when a trigger point is reached. Triggers are:

- Any penguin, dolphin, sea lion, leopard seal or basking shark
- In any **24-hour** period: **3 large seabirds** (e.g. albatross/mollymawk, giant petrel), **5 small seabirds** (e.g. petrel/shearwater) or **2 fur seals**
 - In any 7-day period: 10 seabirds of any type, dead or released alive or 5 fur seals

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