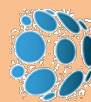


Deepwater BLL OPs Observer Review Form



Trip Number	Vessel Name	Observer name	Trip start date	Trip end date	No. Sets
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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) and the Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PSRMP) that was made available upon request?

Item 2. Were the senior crew familiar with the contents of the BLL – OP and PSRMP?

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 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).

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)

Mitigation device

Item 6. Was a tori line used for the entirety of all sets?

Item 7. When deployed, did the tori line aerial extent appear to be at least 50m?
(Please specify aerial extent in comments)

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 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 14. Was all fish waste (including bait scraps) retained on board during setting?

Item 15. Was the discharge from the vessel during hauling managed/controlled as per PSRMP?
(i.e. no continuous discharge with all offal/used bait held & batch discarded or mealed)

Item 16. Was appropriate hauling mitigation used if discarding alive fish or fish >30cm on the same side of hauling station?

Item 17. 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 18. Was the use of totally frozen bait avoided?

General procedures

Item 19. Were all plastics (including fishing plastics such as snoods, carton strapping etc.) retained on board?

Item 13. Did the vessel keep records of any sink rate tests conducted? (i.e. bottle tests or TDR tests)

Item 20. Did lines sink to a depth of 5 m within the aerial extent of the streamer line? (include comments)

Item 21. Were spot lights shining directly astern controlled/dimmed during night setting?

Item 22. Were all seabird or marine mammal captures recorded in ERS?

Item 23. Were seabirds or marine mammals caught and released alive handled with due care?

Item 24. Any other comments?

*fit and proper streamers should be brightly coloured and of a sufficient length to provide a suitable deterrent to seabirds. The attachment point should also be >5m above the surface of the water.

Please make a detailed comment for each item when required.

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