



TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR LING LONGLINERS TO SAVE SEABIRDS

- 1.** Ensure your vessel has the current Ling Bottom Longline Operational Procedures (OPs) and bottom longline seabird regulations on board.
- 2.** Ensure tori line meets legal standards, is always deployed when fishing (day & night), is adjustable over the mainline of your gear and carry ample spare parts.
- 3.** As legally required, ensure tori line is correct length for your vessel size, well-constructed, when deployed has min. of 50 m aerial extent and the backbone is fitted with a set of brightly coloured streamers spaced at no more than 5 m intervals.
- 4.** Know the line weighting legal standards. Use integrated lead weighted line (IWL) or for backbone over 3.5 mm add minimum 4 kg metal weight evenly spread over every 60 m of hook bearing line. Confirm your weight regime matches the law for any additional floats.
- 5.** If you're not line weighting in accordance with legal standards, set only at night (i.e. between nautical dusk and dawn) as legally required.
- 6.** Manage the discharge (i.e. no continuous discharge) of offal, fish waste and used bait. You cannot discharge any offal or fish waste while setting.
- 7.** While hauling only discharge offal, fish waste and used bait from the opposite side of the vessel to the hauling station, as legally required.
- 8.** Autoline vessels must ensure the baiting machine is well-maintained and achieves a high (i.e. >95%) baiting percentage. The use of totally frozen bait is to be avoided. Ensure any unhooked bait is retained and not lost overboard.
- 9.** Advise DWG (same day) when seabird captures reach Trigger Point. Email DWG Trigger Point Report to admin@deepwatergroup.org. Assess event and implement further risk reduction measures. Trigger points are:
 - Within any 24-hour period, 5 dead small (e.g. petrel/shearwater) or 3 dead big (albatross/mollymawk); or
 - Within any 7-day period, 10 birds dead or released alive (all species).
- 10.** As legally required, report all seabird captures by ERS or in the Non-fish Protected Species Catch Return logbook and furnish to FishServe. Record and report bird band numbers.