

MEMO

DWG Operational Procedures 2021-22

Update for Operational Managers and Vessels

To	Managers, Vessel Operators and Captains in DWG Deepwater Trawl Fleet
From	Richard Wells
Subject	Status DWG OPs and other Management Processes for 2021-22
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Dear Managers, Vessel Operators, and Captains,

With the commencement of the new fishing year this memo is to advise the status of the various processes undertaken on behalf of DWG Shareholders for improved management.

Hoki

Shelving of HOK 1E ACE

Shelving of 10,000 t is being carried out, administered by FishServe, to reduce catches of Eastern hoki.

1. HOK East will be 55,000 t as per Shareholders' decision
2. HOK West will be 45,000 t as per Minister's decision (as part of the TACC reduction)

Hoki East/West Agreement

The Hoki E/W Agreement for 2021-22 is essentially unchanged from last year apart for acknowledging the above shelving process. It will be circulated (as in previous years) in the next 5 days (with the usual associated documents) to all quota owners and significant ACE holders for signature and authority of data use by FishServe

Hoki Operational Procedures (OPs)

The Hoki OPs from last year remain valid and in force. Access the Hoki OP here: tiny.one/HokiOP.

Vessel operators are reminded in particular of the two major principles and purposes of these OPs:

- Avoidance of juvenile hoki (< 55cm)
- Not targeting hoki inside Hoki Management Areas
- Seasonal spawn closures

Orange Roughy and Oreo OPs

These remain unchanged from last year with regard catch limits and boundaries. The Schedule of quota owners will be updated and circulated in due course.

Other DWG OPs

These OPs for trawlers over 28m LOA and coastal hoki trawlers **remain unchanged**, and include:

- Marine Mammal OP
 - Seabird OP
 - Sharks OP
 - Reporting OP
 - Coastal Hoki OP
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New Benthic OPs for 2021 onwards

- Benthic OPs were agreed by DWG Directors in September 2021. Access the OP here: tiny.one/BenthicOP.
- They are to ensure correct reporting and considered avoidance of catch of benthos (sponges, corals and bryozoans etc)
- The new OPs need to be printed in colour and added to your trawler's OP manual in the section marked "Other"
- John Cleal will focus on these OPs during vessel visits

Scampi OPs

The OPs remain unchanged. The DWG Environmental Liaison Officer (ELO - John Cleal) will be reviewing all scampi VMPs this year

Ling Bottom Longline OPs

These have been updated based on changes to the longline regulations. They will be delivered by the ELO on a vessel-by-vessel basis through the next few months. Be sure you are aware of the new requirements.

Fleet Liaison

The ELO will be focussing on the bottom longline, jack mackerel and squid fleets over the next two months.

Also note the DWG OP smartphone app, this will allow managers to access the latest and correct OPs etc from their mobile devices.

Vessels will continue to be supplied with hardcopy versions as in the past and the ELO will keep a check on these to ensure they are current (but managers must do this too). You will be advised in due course how and when this will occur. John Cleal and I remain on watch for all things re DWG OPs on usual contacts or admin@deepwatergroup.org



Other Fisheries New Zealand processes 2021-22

SQU6T

All the requirements for managing risk to sea lions (FRML, reporting and notification) remain the same as per FNZ SQU6T Operational Plan 2020-23. FNZ will be consulting on the regulation of SLED use in SQU 6T. We are awaiting this process before undertaking anything other than the normal processes as per the last several years re certification and management of SLEDs etc. so, to be clear, if fishing for SQU 6T then act as per 2020-21 requirements until further notice.

Any queries to myself.

Kind regards,



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