



TEN COMMANDMENTS

JMA 7 DOLPHIN MITIGATION MEASURES

1. Ensure senior crew have access to the Marine Mammal OP and comply with all dolphin mitigation measures and procedures.
2. Before shooting the gear, the officer on watch must confirm that the area near the vessel is visibly clear of large pods of dolphins.
3. Haul and shoot as quickly as practical and minimise the time gear is on the surface for turns, repairs and breakdowns. Turns at speed should be avoided when about to haul or during hauling.
4. New moon fishing with the headline above 30m should be avoided as the risk of capture increases during this period, particularly in shallower water depths.
5. When north of 40° 30'S in JMA 7 do not shoot the net between 0230 hrs to 0430 hrs.
6. Dolphin Dissuasive Devices (DDD) shall be deployed on every JMA 7 tow with a minimum of two units placed on the headline. Check DDD is working before each deployment and replaced at 4 years and/or whenever it will not recharge to 7 volts.
7. Deck crew members must be alert at each haul to determine if dolphins have been captured and to organise immediate and careful assistance to release any live animals brought on deck.
8. When a dolphin is captured, the officer on watch will immediately contact any other vessel fishing for JMA within the general vicinity (VHF/Radar, range) notifying that a dolphin capture event has occurred and advising the vessel's hauling position.
9. Trigger Point is 1 or more dolphins. As soon as practicable, report all dolphin captures to vessel manager(s) and DWC admin@deepwatergroup.org (with pictures of the animal). Assess the event and implement further risk reduction measures when possible.
 - Mark any dead animal with a cable tie or twine around the jaw or tail before returning it to sea.
 - Individual vessel or fleet decisions may be made to move from the immediate fishing area depending on the number of dolphins captured and the risk of further captures.
10. As legally required, report all captures via your vessel's Electronic Reporting System.