



TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR MARINE MAMMALS

1. Ensure senior crew have access to the current Marine Mammal OP, are briefed and comply with procedures.
2. Avoid shooting the gear in an area where large numbers of marine mammals are visible near the vessel.
3. Haul and shoot as quickly as practical and minimise the time gear is on the surface for turns, repairs and breakdowns.
4. Ensure all fish waste is always held during shooting and hauling.
5. Remove as practicable all fish stickers from the net before shooting.
6. Complete vessel turns rapidly and keep doors either hauled to or above the surface, so the wing ends are closed or below 50 m before undertaking the turn.
7. Every care should be taken to release marine mammals alive. Marine mammals can carry infectious diseases handling them should only occur when needed
8. Mark any dead sea lion or fur seal with a cable tie or twine around the jaw before returning it to sea. Deliberately harming or taking any part or cutting/mutilating the body of a protected species is an offence.
9. Immediately report marine mammal triggers to DWC (in SQU 6T and SBW 6I with pictures of the animal) admin@deepwatergroup.org. Assess the event and implement further risk reduction measures. Trigger points are:
 - 2 or more fur seals
 - 1 or more sea lion
 - 1 or more dolphin
10. As legally required, report all captures via your vessel's Electronic Reporting System.