



TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR SQU 6T & SBW 6I FISHERY

1. Ensure senior crew have access to the current DWC seasonal fleet operational requirements. Ensure senior crew are familiar with the standards and comply.
2. Always notify Fisheries New Zealand - at least **3 working days (5 days for FCV)** before departure - of your intention to sail and enter the SQU 6T fishery.
3. DWC and Fisheries New Zealand require the use of Sea Lion Exclusion Devices (SLEDs) in SBW 6I and it is a legal requirement in SQU 6T.
4. Ensure your SLEDs have a current net-shed certificate and you have copies on board.
5. Check the SLED briefly after every tow and fully against the SLED specifications every week. Check the SLED thoroughly when damage is suspected.
6. Ensure at-sea maintenance meets regulated specifications. Badly damaged SLEDs must be reported to DWC and returned to the net shed for repair. Never use a SLED damaged beyond the specifications.
7. Minimise the time the net is near or on the surface. Complete turns quickly, keep trawl at fishing depth, or bring doors up to the surface to close the net wing-ends.
8. If a sea lion capture occurs, assess risk factors and make any necessary changes to operations.
9. Immediately report marine mammal triggers (take 2 pictures of the animal) to DWC admin@deepwatergroup.org. Assess the event and implement further risk reduction measures.
10. As legally required, report all captures via your vessel's Electronic Reporting System.