



# TEN COMMANDMENTS

## FOR FRESH FISH HOKI FISHERY (*HOKI SEASON*)

1. Do not target hoki in the Cook Strait Hoki Management Area. **Never fish/deploy gear in the Cook Strait Submarine Cable Protection NO GO Zone.**
2. A window is a legitimate vessel and gear safety tool, but not a best practice catch volume control tool. Stitched windows are considered illegal.
3. Net monitoring systems are strongly recommended and net headline monitors and catch sensors should be deployed, giving real-time catch information.
4. In the Cook Strait, hoki vessels should have an MPI transshipment permit so that transshipping can be legally undertaken. Both vessels involved need a permit and must complete the required details as per reporting rules.
5. Avoid shooting the gear in the midst of large numbers of fur seals. Also, the option of net-binding the midwater trawl (when shooting) if capture evidence points to fur seals or birds taken regularly when shooting.
6. Minimise the time that gear is on or near the surface (shoot and haul the trawl as quickly as practicable) and avoid mending the trawl with gear in the water unless the head and ground rope are on deck.
7. Avoid discharging offal or fish waste when towing. Always remove fish stickers from the net before shooting.
8. All coastal hoki vessels must have a Protected Species Risk Management Plan and deploy a seabird warp mitigation device when there is a risk of warp strikes.
9. Advise DWC (same day) when fur seal captures (dead or released alive) reach Trigger Point. Email DWC Trigger Point Report to [admin@deepwatergroup.org](mailto:admin@deepwatergroup.org). Assess the event and implement further risk reduction measures.  
Trigger points are:
  - 2 fur seals (dead or released alive) in a single trip or 5 fur seals in a 7-day period
  - 3 seabirds (dead or released alive) in a single trip or 10 seabirds in a 7-day period
10. Mark any dead fur seals with a cable tie or twine tied around the jaw before returning them to the sea. As legally required, record all protected species captures in your vessel's Electronic Reporting System.