



TEN COMMANDMENTS

FOR LING LONGLINERS TO SAVE SEABIRDS

1. Ensure your vessel has the current Ling BLL Operational Procedures and a vessel-specific Protected Species Risk Management Plan onboard (PSRMP).
2. Ensure your tori line meets the required legal specifications. Carry a spare-line ready to deploy and ample spare parts onboard. There is a BLL Tori Line Design & Build guide within your OP (Appendix 4).
3. Weight your lines so the slowest sinking hook will achieve a depth of 5m within the aerial extent of the streamer line. Carry out monthly 'sink rate'-depth tests as required and maintain a record of results onboard. During high-risk periods (daylight or at night 3 days either side of the full moon), tori lines must extend a minimum of 50 m aerial astern.
4. Immediately implement additional mitigation and line weighting measures (as defined in your PSRMP) when you notice there is increased risk of birds diving on baited hooks.
5. No discharge is permitted during setting. During hauling, hold and batch discharge offal and fish waste from the opposite side to the hauling station. You can return fish that are legally undersize, all live fish or dead fish (>30cm) on the hauling side only if a hauling mitigation device is deployed.
6. Maintain optimum setting tension to maximise sink rates. Avoid setting 'slack-mainline'. Floats will hold the mainline nearer the surface for longer, increasing the risk of birds striking the hooks.
7. While ensuring safe operating standards, minimise additional and unnecessary lighting so as not to attract or disorientate seabirds, especially while setting, sheltering, or at anchor.
8. A bottom longliner must not fish in FMA 6 between 1 Nov and 31 May inclusive, unless using an integrated weighted line @ 50g/m or the vessel is legally exempt.
9. Advise DWC (same day) when a Trigger Point is reached. Trigger Points are: *within any 24 hour period*, 5 dead or alive small birds (petrel/shearwater) or 3 dead or alive big birds (albatross/molymawk); *or within any 7-day period*, 10 birds dead or released alive (all species).
10. As legally required, report all captures via your vessel's Electronic Reporting System (ERS). Ensure crew follow safe protected species handling procedures. Record and report bird band numbers in the field provided in ERS.