

TEN GOLDEN RULES FOR COASTAL TRAWLING TO SAVE PROTECTED SPECIES

1. Ensure your vessel has onboard:
 - a. The vessel's Protected Species Risk Management Plan (PSRMP),
 - b. The Coastal Trawling Operational Procedures, and
 - c. A map of areas where trawling is prohibited.
2. Hold all fish waste immediately before or during shooting/hauling and batch discharge away from the path of warps if/when towing.
3. Always have fit & proper bird scaring device/s onboard.
4. Always deploy mitigation devices if there is any risk to seabirds (when birds are present or when discharging fish waste near warps).
5. Ensure the warps are not overly greased; all warp splices are 'wrapped'; any sprags are removed or 'whipped'; and warp splices are not near the water's surface.
6. Minimise time trawl gear is at/near the surface. Where possible, conduct gear maintenance/repairs while net is on board.
7. Remove stickers from net before shooting especially small fish and squid.
8. Reduce unnecessary deck lighting
9. Crew know and follow safe handling procedures for captured animals (dead or alive)– return protected species to sea quickly and treat with care.
10. Report all protected species captures by ERS or in the Nonfish Protected Species Catch Return (NFPSCR) logbook and send to FishServe. **It is illegal not to report.** Report protected species trigger level captures to Liaison Officer.

For support phone your local Liaison Officer.