**Small Pelagic Fishery Dolphin Mitigation Plan**

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***For F.V.***

*Concession Holder:*

*Skipper/s:*

AFMA use only:

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| **Version** | **Date approved** | **Approved by** |
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**IMPORTANT**

**An up to date, approved copy of this Dolphin Mitigation Plan is to be kept on board the vessel/s at all times, in line with the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) Dolphin Mitigation Strategy.**

**The skipper is required to be familiar with, and follow the content and practices of the SPF Dolphin Mitigation Strategy and this Dolphin Mitigation Plan at all times.**

**Please visit** [**www.afma.gov.au/dolphins/**](www.afma.gov.au/dolphins/) **for more information regarding the SPF Dolphin Mitigation Strategy.**

**As the operator (as per the definition in the SPF Dolphin Mitigation Strategy) for this vessel/s, I understand the requirements of this Dolphin Mitigation Plan and will ensure that all relevant crew members understand and abide by the requirements. I will be responsible for ensuring an induction is undertaken with all relevant crew members, and a record will be kept of each induction undertaken.**

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| **Role** | **Name** | **Date** | **Signature** |
| **Concession Holder** |  |  |  |
| **Skipper** |  |  |  |
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**If you make any substantive change to any part of your gear setup you MUST complete and submit a new version of your dolphin bycatch mitigation plan to** **SPFConsultation@afma.gov.au** **ASAP for approval.**

**Section 1 - Fishing Practices**

1. Home port/s: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Type of Operation (please circle): Mid-water Pair Trawl or Mid-water Single Trawl
3. What measures do you have in place to avoid dolphin interactions (this can include devices/procedures):

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| **Type of Mitigation** | **Further Details/Comments** |
| **Barrier Net** (*include mesh size and location within net*) |  |
| **Excluder Device** (*specify type/rigid or soft*) |  |
| **Net bindings** |  |
| **Full or partial collapse of headline prior to hauling** (*please specify*) |  |
| **No Night Fishing**  |  |
| **Acoustic device[[1]](#footnote-1)** |  |
| **Fishing Procedures** |  |
| **Other** (*please specify*) |  |

1. If an interaction occurs, outline the process of review that you will undertake (e.g. identify potential cause of interaction, check mitigation and make necessary repairs, consider what modifications may be required)?

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1. Provide any other relevant information on fishing practices or mitigation devices

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**Section 2 - Fishing Gear**

1. Overall net dimensions: Length\_\_\_\_\_ (m) x Width­\_\_\_ (m) x Height\_\_\_\_ (m)
2. Headrope Length: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (m) Footrope Length: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (m)
3. Length of Codend: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (m)
4. Provide any other relevant information on fishing gear

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**Section 3 - Acoustic Technology**

1. Are you using acoustic dolphin mitigation technology? Yes No

**If you answered YES to the previous question, please fill in the details below. If you answered NO, please skip the following questions.**

1. Outline what acoustic mitigation technology you are using (e.g. passive/active pingers attached to net, towed pingers, acoustic reflectors etc.):

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1. Outline the exact manufacturer specifications of your acoustic mitigation technology (e.g. manufacturer, model, frequency/ frequency range, volume, size and shape of reflectors etc.):

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1. Outline how you deploy this technology (e.g. spacing regime – distance between devices, how and when deployed, depth, where and how attached to the net, number of devices deployed etc.), including diagram (see Attachment A page 6 below):

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1. Outline your testing/maintenance regime i.e. how you will ensure the devices are working properly e.g. battery testing frequency:

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1. Reason for selecting your acoustic mitigation device/s? How was this determined as suitable for your fishing activity? How will you determine its suitability when in use? :

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**Attachment A: Diagram of the pinger array when deployed**

1. If you are using an acoustic device please include further details within section 3 of this document [↑](#footnote-ref-1)