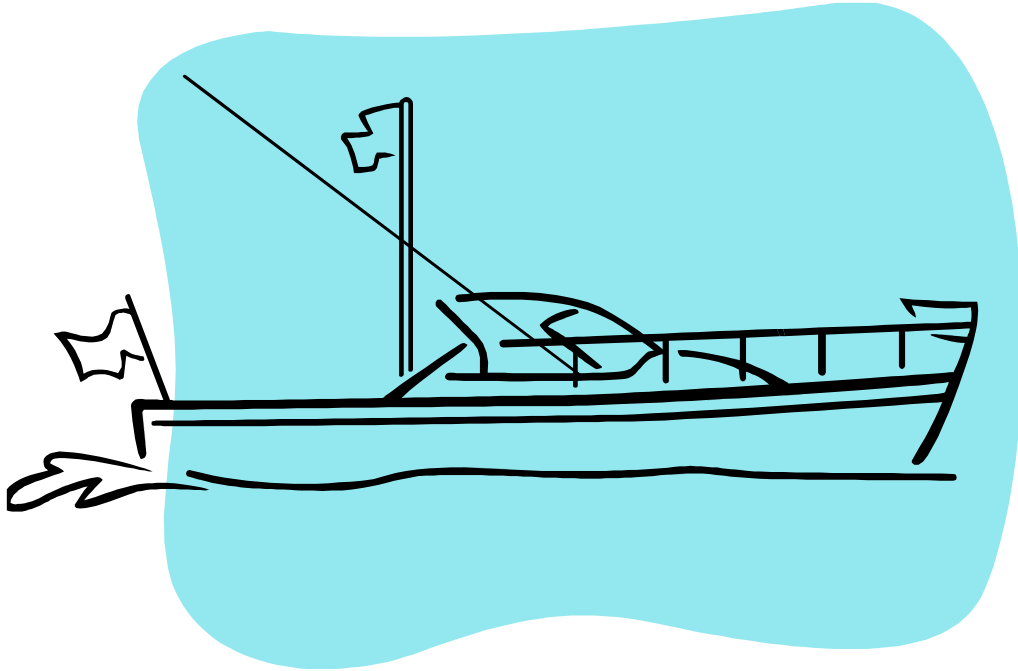


Dolphin Mitigation Plan



For F.V.

Concession Holder:

Skipper/s:

AFMA use only:

Version	Date approved	Approved by

IMPORTANT

An up to date, approved copy of this Dolphin Mitigation Plan is to be kept on board the vessel at all times, in line with AFMA's Gillnet Dolphin Mitigation Strategy.

The skipper/s and all crew are to be familiar with, and follow the content and practices of the Gillnet Dolphin Mitigation Strategy and this Dolphin Mitigation Plan at all times.

Please visit www.afma.gov.au/new-dolphin-mitigation-strategies-spf-sessf for more information on the Gillnet Dolphin Mitigation Strategy.

Role	Name	Date	Signature
Skipper			
Skipper			
Crew			
Crew			
Crew			

If you change any part of your gear setup you **MUST** complete and submit a new version of your dolphin bycatch mitigation plan to GHAT@afma.gov.au ASAP for approval.

Section 1 - Fishing Practices

1. Home port: _____

2. Select the areas you generally fish (tick one or more box/es):

Western SA	Central SA	Eastern SA	West. Bass Strait	TAS	Eastern Bass Strait

3. Standard soak time: _____ (hours)

4. Setting speed: _____ (kt) Hauling speed: _____ (kt)

5. Gear setting preference (tick one or more box/es):

With tide	Against tide	Into wind	With wind	Following depth contour	Other (specify below)

6. What changes to your gear have you made to reduce dolphin interactions if any?

7. What changes to your fishing practices have you made to reduce dolphin interactions if any?

8. What components of your gear will you review following a dolphin interaction?

9. What fishing practices will you review following a dolphin interaction?

Section 2 - Fishing Gear

1. Total length of net on boat: _____ (m)
2. How many fleets do you split your gear into: _____
3. Length of each fleet: _____ (m)
4. Length of head rope per 100m of net material: _____(m) or Hanging ratio _____(%)
5. Net height: _____ (m)
6. Number of meshes high: _____
7. Mono diameter: _____ (ply/mm)
8. Mesh size: _____ (mm)
9. Footrope weight: _____ (grams per meter) and diameter _____ (mm)
10. Weight type used (tick one or more box/es):

Weight block	Chain length	Anchor	Other (specify below)

11. Weight size _____ (kg)

12. Anchor size _____ (kg)

13. Weight/ anchor location/s on each fleet

One end

Both ends

Other (specify below)

14. Headrope construction (tick one box):

Floatrope	Rope with floats	Combination	Other (specify below)



15. Diameter of headrope: _____ (mm)

16. Does your headrope incorporate any additional floats

Yes

No

17. Spacing of headrope floats: _____ or floats per _____ (meters)

18. Do you bridle your headrope and footrope

Yes

No

19. Spacing between each bridle: _____(m)

20. Do you use droppers in the net

21. Distance apart : _____(m)

22. Length of dropper : _____(m)

23. Mesh

Mesh colour	Green	Clear	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Pink	Other
% of total net						

Mesh -material shape

Round	Oval	Square	Flat

Section 3 - Acoustic Technology (if used)

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.

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

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

4. Outline how you deploy this technology (e.g. spacing regime – distance between devices, how and when deployed, depth, how attached to net/boat, depth if not attached to net etc.):

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

6. 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? :

Section 4 – Additional information

1. Provide any additional information of how you set your gear to maintain horizontal and vertical net tension.

2. Please describe in your net diagram (below) the configurations of your net including weights/anchors/chains etc. and location of use.