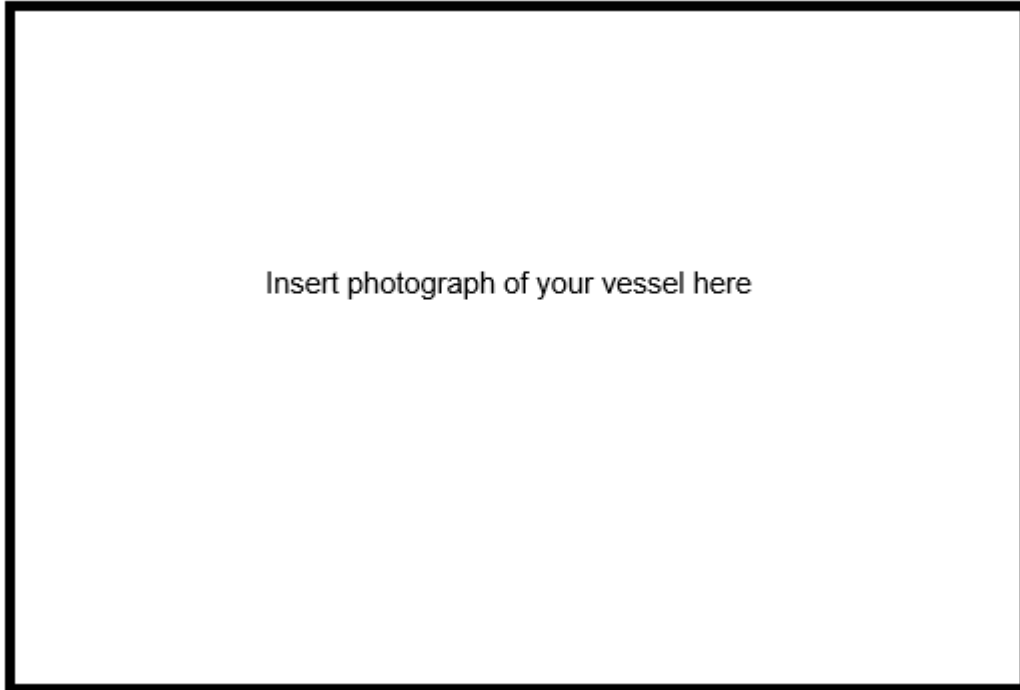


# Dolphin Mitigation Plan



## 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](http://www.afma.gov.au/new-dolphin-mitigation-strategies-spf-sessf) for more information on the Gillnet Dolphin Mitigation Strategy.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Skipper</b>			
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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](mailto: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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

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## 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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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11. Weight size \_\_\_\_\_ (kg)

12. Anchor size \_\_\_\_\_ (kg)

13. Weight/ anchor location/s on each fleet

One end

Both ends

Other (specify below)

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14. Headrope construction (tick one box):

Floatrope	Rope with floats	Combination	Other (specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 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.):

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3. Outline 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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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.):

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5. 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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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? :

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## Section 4 – Additional information

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

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