

# HOOK AND LINE FLEET CHARACTERIZATION (HLFC) FORM

Observer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Required for ALL trips, in which longline gear is used (Gear Types 19 and 20).  
Additional form required any time changes are made that affect one or more fields.*

**How is the product delivered?** (Check all that apply)

- Whole     Head and Guttled     Other (Comment)

**Do the following characteristics apply to ALL hauls?**     Yes     No\*

\*If No, record the associated haul number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**The vessel sets gear at an average speed of \_\_\_\_\_ knots**

**The vessel deployed an average number of \_\_\_\_\_ hooks per skate** (Leave blank if snap gear)

**Are floats used?** (not including anchor buoys)     Yes     No

If yes, indicate: What is the average number of floats per skate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are weights used?** (not including anchor weights)     Yes     No

If yes, indicate: mass per weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. & average number of weights per skate \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the vessel use seabird avoidance gear/measures while setting?**     Yes     No

If yes, select ALL avoidance types used:

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|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Buoy Line<br>(aka Bird Bag)   | <input type="checkbox"/> One Streamer Line  | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Weight Line                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Offal Disposal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Buoy Lines<br>(aka Bird Bags) | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Streamer Lines | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Line Weight<br>(To sink gear faster) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Comment)          |

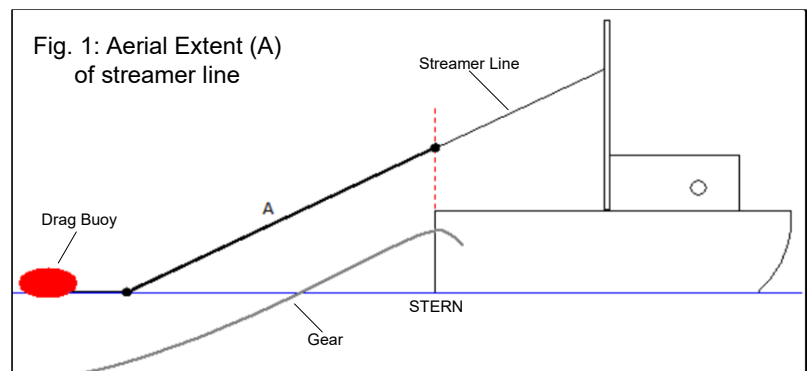
If streamer line(s) used, what is the average aerial extent (See Fig. 1)?

Fixed hooks:     < 40 m     ≥ 40 m

Snap-gear:     < 20 m     ≥ 20 m

If snap gear, what is the average horizontal distance of the streamer line to the point where the gear enters the water?

≤ 2 m     > 2 m



NOTE: Individual streamers are generally spaced at 5 m increments. When in doubt, measure spacing to verify. Regulations require spacing of ≤ 5 m.

Comments: