

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
(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
(aka Bird Bags) | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Streamer Lines | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Line Weight
(To sink gear faster) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Comment) |

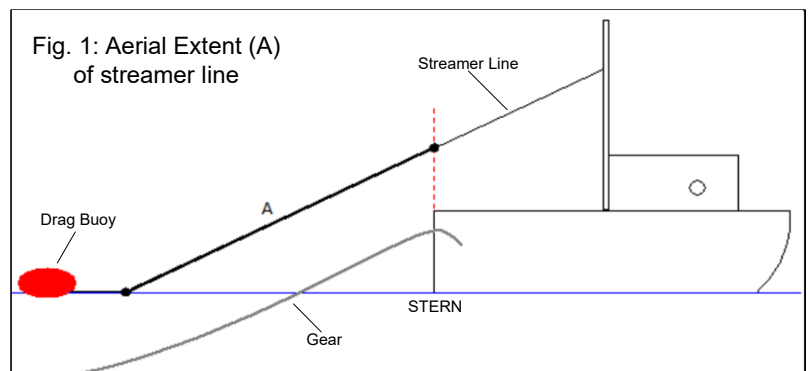
If streamer line(s) used, what is the average aerial extent (See Fig. 1)?

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: