

# SECTION C

Sector Specific  
Permit Conditions:

## Hake Longline (West Coast) fishery

These permit Conditions must be read with the applicable Fishing Permit Conditions For: Hake;  
Sole; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2016

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**1. APPLICABLE POLICIES AND PERMIT CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 This permit is issued subject to the provisions and regulations of the policy for the Allocation of Commercial Fishing Rights in the Hake Longline Fishery: 2005.
- 1.2 These permit Conditions must be read with the applicable Fishing Permit Conditions For: Hake; Sole; Horse Mackerel and Demersal Shark Sectors ("SECTION B") for 2016

**2. FISHING AND RESTRICTED AREAS**

- 2.1 This permit is valid only in South African waters (excluding tidal lagoons, tidal rivers and estuaries).
- 2.2 No fishing shall take place within 5 nautical miles of the coastline west of the 020 E longitude.
- 2.3 No fishing shall take place within False Bay north of a straight line drawn from the lighthouse at Cape Hangklip to the lighthouse at Cape Point.

**3. EFFORT LIMITATIONS AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS**

- 3.1 The Department has developed, in consultation with the recognized industrial bodies, a set of criteria and/or rules for the purposes of:
  - 3.1.1 Limiting effort and/or the prevention of the development of over capacity; and
  - 3.1.2 Matching a Right Holder's available effort capacity to its allocation, or, in the case of joint ventures (catching agreements) matching the vessels capacity to the catch limit allocated to it
- 3.2 When submitting applications for a Permit to undertake commercial fishing of Hake Longline, the Department may request the Applicant to submit in addition with the application, verified information on vessels specifications.
- 3.3 The Permit Holder shall only utilise bottom set long lines, which must also be the only gear on board the vessel.



- 3.4 The Permit Holder shall only utilise bottom set long lines with a maximum of 20 000 hooks deployed on a daily basis.
- 3.5 Foreign-flagged vessels are not considered suitable for this fishery in terms of the Hake Longline Fishery Policy.
- 3.6 No fishing hooks, fishing line or plastics shall be discarded. All fishing hooks shall be removed from offal before the offal is dumped. All fishing hooks shall be removed from discards, save where the removal of hooks from live discards (e.g. sharks) may endanger the safety of the crew or be detrimental to the survival of the animal.
- 3.7 Discarding of any long lining gear at sea is prohibited and Permit Holders shall attempt to recover all long line gear lost during fishing operations at sea.
- 3.8 The Permit Holder must take cognisance of sustainable fishing practices and of the impacts of longlining on the ecosystem. In this regard steps should be taken to minimise fishing mortality on seabirds and other by-catch species, and to minimise other ecosystem impacts such as ghost fishing.
  - 3.8.1 Longlines shall be set at night only (i.e. during the hours of darkness between the times of nautical twilight).
  - 3.8.2 During longline fishing at night, only the minimum ship's lights necessary for safety shall be used. All deck lights should be shaded in such a way that the beam is directed down towards the deck.
  - 3.8.3 Dumping of offal shall be minimised and shall take place only on the opposite side of the vessel from that on which lines are hauled. No dumping of offal shall take place during setting.
  - 3.8.4 Fishing operations shall be conducted in such a way that hooklines (defined as the groundline or mainline to which the baited hooks are attached by snoods)



sink beyond the reach of seabirds as soon as possible after they are put in the water. Specifications of the line weighting are given in paragraph 3.9.

3.8.5 The Permit Holder must ensure that the vessel has a streamer line (bird-scaring line) onboard. The streamer line/s shall be deployed during longline setting to deter birds from approaching the hookline. Specifications of the streamer line and its method of deployment are given in paragraph 3.10.

3.8.6 Every effort should be made to ensure that birds captured alive during longlining are released alive and that wherever possible hooks are removed without jeopardising the life of the bird concerned.

3.8.7 All banded birds killed shall be retained whole (frozen or on ice) and returned to port. Other birds killed shall be retained, either whole (preferable) or heads and feet (the heads and feet from each bird to be tied together) and returned to port. On landing the birds shall be handed over to the FCO. Information contained on bands recovered from seabirds must be reported to: Central Data Bank for Antarctic Bird Banding, SAFRING, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, 7701, South Africa; or faxed to: (021) 689 7578.

3.9 **Line Weighting:** Tests are being undertaken to determine the optimal line weighting regime for local conditions and full specifications will be published once the tests have been completed. The following specifications serve as a guideline in the interim:

3.9.1 Vessels using autoline systems should add weights to the hookline or use integrated weight hooklines while deploying longlines. Integrated weight (IW) longlines of a minimum of 50 g/m or attachment to non-IW longlines of 5 kg weights at 50 to 60 m intervals are recommended.

3.9.2 Vessels using the Spanish method of longline fishing (double line) should release weights before line tension occurs. Weights of at least 8.5 kg mass, spaced at intervals of no more than 40 m, or weights of at least 6 kg mass spaced at intervals of no more than 20 m are recommended.

3.10 **Streamer (bird-scaring) lines:** Tests are being undertaken to determine the optimal streamer line design for local conditions, and full specifications will be published once the tests have been completed. The following specifications serve as a guideline in the interim:

3.10.1 The aerial extent of the streamer line, which is the part of the line supporting the streamers, is the effective seabird deterrent component of a streamer line. Vessels are encouraged to optimise the aerial extent and ensure that it protects the hookline as far astern of the vessel as possible, even in crosswinds.

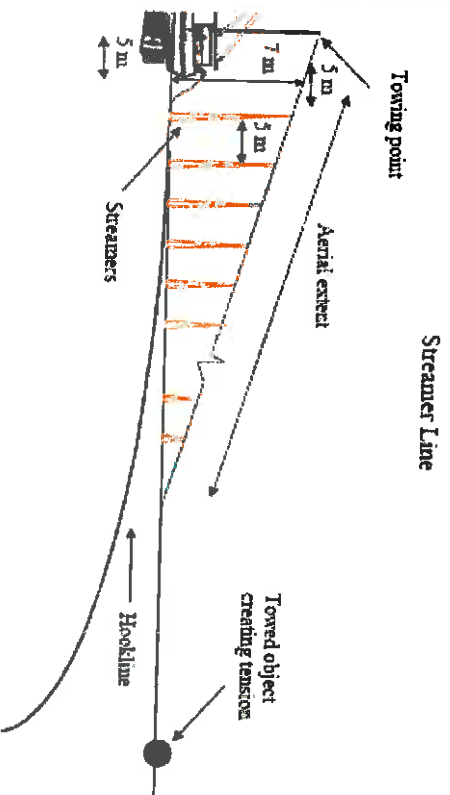
3.10.2 The streamer line should be attached to the vessel such that it is suspended from a point as high as possible (a minimum of 7 m is preferable) above the water at the stern on the windward side of the point where the hookline enters the water.

3.10.3 The streamer line shall be a minimum of 150 m in length and include an object (buoy, road cone or sea-anchor) towed at the seaward end to create tension to maximise aerial coverage. The object towed should be maintained directly behind the attachment point to the vessel such that in crosswinds the aerial extent of the streamer line is over the hookline.

3.10.4 Branched streamers, each comprising two strands of a minimum of 3 mm diameter brightly coloured plastic tubing or cord, shall be attached no more than 5 m apart commencing 5 m from the point of attachment of the streamer line to the vessel and thereafter along the aerial extent of the line. Streamer length shall range between minimums of 6.5 m from the stern to 1 m for the seaward end. When a streamer line is fully deployed, the branched streamers should reach the sea surface in the absence of wind and swell. Swivels or a similar device should be placed in the streamer line in such a way as to prevent streamers being twisted around the streamer line. Each branched streamer may also have a swivel or other device at its attachment point to the streamer line to prevent fouling of individual streamers.



3.10.5 Vessels are encouraged to deploy a second streamer line such that streamer lines are towed from the point of attachment each side of the hookline. The leeward streamer line should be of similar specifications (in order to avoid entanglement the leeward streamer line may need to be shorter) and deployed from the leeward side of the hookline.



3.11 Other variations in the line weighting regime or in the design of streamer lines may be tested on vessels carrying observers, providing that approval is first obtained (in writing) from the Department.

3.12 Plastic packaging bands (e.g. on bait boxes) shall be cut so as not to form a hoop and all plastics to be stored and returned to shore. The Department shall prohibit such packaging bands onboard vessels in future.

#### **4. CATCH CONTROLS AND LIMITATIONS**

4.1 Whilst the vessel is operating in terms of the provisions of this permit, it shall only harvest the hake allocations of Hake Longline Right Holders issued with a valid permit in terms of section 13 of the MLRA.

4.2 The Permit Holder shall immediately cease fishing once the full allocation as indicated in this permit has been caught and shall hand his/her original permit and certified copies to an Fishery Control Officer (FCO) for cancellation.

## 6. LANDING OF FISH

6.1 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all fish (including by-catch) is discharged from the vessel in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Fishery Control Officer (FCO) or Marine Resources Monitor (MRM) at the following landing/launching sites (see Table 1 below).

**Table 1: Designated landing sites for the landing of catches made by Permit Holders**

Designated Landing Sites	Addresses for FCO Offices	FISHERY CONTROL OFFICE	
Cape Town Harbour	Fisheries	Tel: 021 402 3430/3361	
	Foretrust Building Cape Town	Fax: 021 402 3367	
Hout Bay Harbour	Harbour Road Fisheries office Hout Bay	Cell: 073 323 2364	Email: Buyekezwapa@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 021 790 1140	
		Fax: 021 790 2808	
Mossel Bay Harbour	104 Plaza Aquada Marsh Street Mossel Bay	Cell: 073 660 6280	Email: LucasF@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 044 691 0096	
		Fax: 044 691 1617	
Plettenberg Bay	Central beach Plettenberg Bay	Cell: 083 663 9155	Email: ThisiwelF@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 044 382 1938	
		Fax: 044 382 6567	
Port St Francis	St Francis Harbour Port St Francis	Cell: 084 404 6483	Email: HesieneO@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 042 293 1757	
		Fax: 042 293 2968	
Saldanha Bay Harbour	Saldanha Bay Harbour President Street Saldanha	Cell: 084 607 1783	Email: MthuthuzeliM@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 022 714 1710/	
		Fax: 022 714 3997	
St Helena Bay	Sandy Point Harbour	Cell: 082 771 8910	Email: WadeT@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 022 736 1188/125/1188	
		Fax: 022 736 1530	
Gansbaai Harbour	St Helena Bay Gansbaai Harbour Office	Cell: 078 7147 422	Email: WillemB@daff.gov.za
		Tel: 028 384 0321	



		Fax:	028 384 1546
		Cell:	082 9722 062
		Email:	GilbertME@daff.gov.za
Port Elizabeth Harbour	21 Stanley Street	Tel:	041 586 4051
		Fax:	041 585 0385
	Central P.E	Cell:	082 771 8906
		Email:	DennisM@daff.gov.za

6.2 The fish and/or fish products must be weighed by species within 24 hours of discharge.

6.3 No fish (including by-catch) or fish products shall be discharged without a Fishery Control Officer (FCO) or Marine Resources Monitor (MRM) being present. During the offloading fish should be weighed by species. Any deviations should be reported to the applicable station manager.

6.4 Permit Holders whose vessel docks between the 15<sup>th</sup> December of one year (the current year) and the 15<sup>th</sup> January of the following year, may elect to have their entire catch (or part thereof) deducted from their allocation for either year, provided that the quantum transferred between allocation years is less than 10% of the Right Holders entire allocation in that year **provided that a Right Holder has a valid (not expired) Catch permit.**

6.5 Any Right Holder whose fishing trip starts from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 must deduct all the fish landed at the end of the trip from their 2016 allocation and must have a valid Catch permit.

## 7. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

7.1 At any time during the course of the fishing trip or discharging, a Fishery Control Officer can request the skipper of the vessel to provide the cargo manifest or any other documents relating to fishing operations. The skipper must comply with this request.

7.2 Catch Statistics required to be submitted are as follows:



