

Code of Practice Whale Interactions

This Code of Practice is specifically aimed at minimising entanglement of whales in rock lobster pot lines. It summarises legal requirements and additional steps fishers should take to minimise interactions with whales.

SIGHTED AN ENTANGLED WHALE?



RECOGNISE

Record information on how it's entangled and gear it is carrying



REPORT

To DBCA on
0412 958 191



REMAIN

Do not approach or attempt to cut free.
Stay with the whale until teams arrive.

Space Pots Out

Lots of pots in an area can reduce a whale's ability to free itself from an entanglement.

Undertake Whale Surveys

Fishers are encouraged to complete regular surveys of whale sightings via the Marine Fauna Sightings App, to help inform future mitigation measures.

Required Mitigation Measures



**1 April
to 31 October**
inclusive



**20 Units
= 1 Pot**



**Pots Checked
Every 7 Days**

Rope \leq 32.9 m (18 fth)

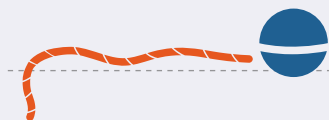
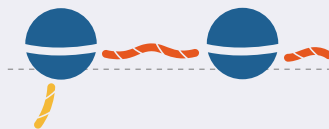
Max rope 32.9 m

Float Rig
Included in total rope
(above)

Max 2 floats

Weight not required

Surface Rope
Permitted



Rope $>$ 32.9 m (18 fth)

Max potline
2x water depth

Float Rig
Max length 9.1 m
(5 fathoms)

Max 2 floats ($<$ 54.9 m)
Max 3 floats (\geq 54.9m)

Weight required
Top $\frac{1}{3}$ held vertical

Surface Rope
NOT Permitted