

Recommendation paper

Title: Loligo fishery – SED implementation

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1. Background:

- 1.1 The designs for Seal Exclusion Devices (SED's) were incorporated into licence conditions in 2017 following reports of seal mortalities in the Loligo fishery.
- 1.2 Traditionally the trigger for the deployment of SED's has been if 2 seal mortalities have occurred in the fishery with a separation for north and south fishing areas.
- 1.3 Immediate deployment of SED's during the Second Season has been compulsory since 2021.

2. Presentation and consultations:

- 2.1 Presentation to the Fisheries Committee by the Seabird and Marine Mammal Scientific Observer on the 9th June 2022 "LOL 2022 – C MMO Monitoring Program Report" section 5.2 recommended the immediate deployment of SED's be compulsory from the First Season 2023.
- 2.2 The proposal to have SED's deployed at the start of the season was also discussed on 27th October at 1330 with LPG at the review of the Second Season 2022 fishing campaign.

3. Recommendation:

- 3.1 That SED's be compulsory and be deployed immediately a vessel starts fishing during both First and Second Seasons from 2023 onwards until advised to the contrary.

Approved



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