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1. Be familiar with and comply with relevant **legislation**, **closures** and **marine protected areas**.

2. Be familiar with and comply with the NSW Ocean Trawling Fishery Code of Practice, and keep a copy onboard for reference.

3. Be aware of any **changes** made to the legislation governing the fishery or Code of Practice.

4. Ensure that true and accurate records of fishing and **catch effort** are maintained and submitted in accordance with the legislation.

5. **Use gear** in accordance with the legislation.

6. Only take **permitted species** of fish.

7. Comply with all species **size limits** as set out in the regulations.

8. Ensure only lawful implements are used to **sort catches**.

9. Conduct fishing operations in areas, at times, and in a manner that minimises the potential for interaction with **protected** or **threatened** species or **ecological communities**.

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10. Ensure any captured individual of a threatened or protected species are returned to the water as quickly as possible and with the **least possible harm**.

11. Ensure any interactions with threatened or protected species are recorded in catch and effort **logbooks**.

12. Be familiar with the **list of**, and methods of identifying **protected** and **threatened** species, populations and ecological communities that might be encountered during fishing operations.

13. Conduct fishing operations **in areas**, at times, and in a manner that **minimises bycatch**.

14. Use equipment or **methods** to ensure the least possible harm to any non-retained catches returned to the water.

15. Ensure that all fish landed for sale are marketed in an authorised manner.

16. Comply with the requirements of the **NSW Food Authority** regarding the handling, icing, storage and transport of catches, to maximise quality and minimise food safety hazards.

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17. Operate according to a prescribed [Food Safety Plan](#) that minimises food safety hazards associated with the harvest of seafood for human consumption.

18. Produce fishing business card upon the request of a fisheries officer.

19. Comply with any by-laws or regulations of relevant authorities.

20. Ensure that actions of the vessel master and crew do not bring the industry into disrepute.

21. Conduct fishing operations, and [maintain fishing vessels](#) in a manner that minimises environmental impacts.

22. All [litter and derelict fishing gear](#), generated or collected during fishing operations is responsibly stowed onboard and disposed of using onshore facilities.

23. Inform the [relevant authority](#) of any significant pollution incident or significant environmental impact.

24. Appropriate spill containment materials should be stored onboard and used where required.

25. Respect the public amenity of boat ramps by avoiding cleaning fish and gear in their vicinity and ensuring that access for other users is not unduly restricted.

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26. Be courteous and cooperate with any public official or member of the community.

27. Ensure fishing operations are conducted with an **acceptable level of safety**, according to details set out in the vessel **Safety Management System**.

28. Assist with ongoing reviews of the Ocean Trawling Fishery Code of Practice and discuss amongst industry and networks.

29. Be proactive and assist maritime **search and rescue** operations.

30. Be aware of and respect the customs of the **Aboriginal** people.

31. Be pro-active, cooperate and assist any fisheries related **research, development and extension programs**.

32. Maintain records of personal training and education competencies.

33. Engage in activities designed to improve community awareness of the Ocean Trawling Fishery and commitment to responsible and sustainable fishing practices.

34. Be proactive and participate in programs that help to develop training and skills where appropriate, with a view to improve implementation and extension of the Ocean Trawling Fishery Code of Practice.