

# 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 ≤ 32.9 m (18 fth)

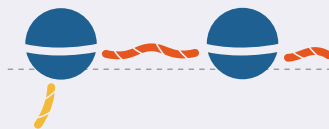
Max rope 32.9 m

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 (≥54.9m)

Weight required  
Top 1/3 held vertical

Surface Rope  
NOT Permitted