

**SPC/FFA REGIONAL LONGLINE OBSERVER
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**FORM LL-1
(pg2)**

OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS / OTHER GEAR / UNUSUAL USE OF GEAR

Write notes here and full descriptions in the daily journal and trip report
(put page references to the full descriptions beside the notes written here)

FISHING GEAR

(circle "Y" or "N" (yes or no) to show if each item is present or not present on board)

Weighing scales : If weighing scales used to weigh retained fish are on-board, circle "Y" (yes)

**For help with the rest of this section use the SPC Terminal Gear Identification Guide (TG ID guide)
Note that the TG ID guide can be used to measure hook size and line diameter**

Mainline : Write down the material the mainline was made out of i.e monofilament or tarred rope

Record the total length of the mainline in nautical miles - ask Captain for this information.

Get the diameter of the mainline. Use small callipers to measure the width of the mainline.

Terminal gear

Branchline : Record all types of material used in branchline - see TG ID guide

Branchline weights : If any weights have been added to the branchline - normally to weigh the line down and allow it to sink faster, record the information. Record the average weight in grams and then 2) record the Distance of the Weight from the Hook in centimeters.

Wire trace : Indicate if wire trace (wire just before the hook) was used in the branchline.

Hooks : for each type of hook used record the size and the percentage of that hook that is usually used in each set. Show if hooks were Offset (O), had Rings (R) or Swivels (S). Record three letters and/or dashes in each box.

- e.g.: if vessel sets 10-hook baskets with standard size 12.0 circle hooks with rings and swivels on hook numbers 1,2, 9, 10, but with offset "J" hooks (size 10.0) with no rings or swivels on every other line in a basket an observer will record as:

JAPAN size %		CIRCLE size %		"J" size %		TERACIMA size %	
—	—	12.	40	10.	60	—	—
—	—	- R S		O — —		— — —	

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

(obtain as much information as possible without intruding)

Life jacket:

if the life jacket is the observer's own or was issued by their provider, circle "O".

if the observer doesn't have their own but the vessel supplies one, circle "Y", or "N" if one is not supplied

Was it a good size ? - circle Y (yes) or N (no)

If the life jacket is carried by the observer or if it is allocated by the vessel and is easily available circle "easy"

if it is allocated by the vessel but it is not so easy to get to circle "moderate"

and if an allocated life jacket is very difficult to get to circle "hard"

Lifebuoys/life rings - count all to be found

EPIRBS - count all EPIRBS onboard **including** those with expired battery renewal dates.

- then just count only the EPIRBS with expired battery renewal dates.

Life rafts - No. of People - record the number of people that each life raft is certified to carry

- Inspection Date - check carefully for inspection stickers/labels or fixed plates with inspection information

Find out from these inspection certificates when the next inspection is due (or when last was carried out)

- if label has an inspection Due date record the letter "D" then a dash ("-"), then the date in 'dd/mm/yy' format

- if a Last inspection date is on the inspection label record the letter "L", then a dash, then the date

(e.g.: for an inspection due on 30th June 2012 record "D-30/06/12";

but if the label only has the date of the last inspection on 31st December 2009, record "L-31/12/09")

If, after a careful check for life-raft inspection labels, dates cannot be found, record "ND" for 'not displayed'.

REFRIGERATION METHOD (circle "Y" or "N" (yes or no) to show if each method is present or not present)

N.B.: There may be more than one refrigeration method so record yes or no for each one.

Other storage : If another refrigeration or other storage method is observed describe it in detail in the trip report.

WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM for fish offal (circle "Y" or "N" to indicate if a waste disposal system is present)

Examples include incinerators, crushers, shredders, compacters, balers, meal plants, etc.

On longliners it is important to note if any fish or fish offal are thrown overboard during either setting or hauling. It is also important to note where fish or fish offal are thrown overboard i.e the front, aft of vessel and if from the side if this is the same side and the mainline during setting / hauling.

OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS, OTHER GEAR, UNUSUAL USE OF GEAR

Write about anything special observed about this boat and its equipment or crew compared to other boats observed.

Comment if equipment is not working, not used or is used in an unusual way and describe fishing gear that is different to equipment observed on other longliners, recording the make, model, special characteristics and usage of this new gear.

If there is lots to write about (good) write in the observer's daily journal and in the proper place in the trip report then write brief notes here but include page No.s so that others can easily find what is written in the journal and trip report.