



Figure 1 to § 660.33 - Longline Fishing Restricted Area

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**§ 660.34 Protected species workshop.**

(a) Each year the operator of a vessel registered for use under a Hawaii longline limited access permit or (after August 31, 2002) a longline general permit must attend and be certified for completion of a workshop conducted by NMFS on mitigation, handling, and release techniques for turtles and seabirds and other protected species.

(b) A protected species workshop certificate will be issued by NMFS annually to any person who has completed the workshop.

(c) An operator of a vessel registered for use under Hawaii longline limited access permit or a longline general permit and engaged in longline fishing, must have on board the vessel a valid protected species workshop certificate

issued by NMFS or a legible copy thereof.

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**§ 660.35 Pelagic longline seabird mitigation measures.**

(a) *Seabird mitigation techniques.* Owners and operators of vessels registered for use under a Hawaii longline limited access permit must ensure that the following actions are taken when fishing north of 23° N. lat.:

(1) Employ a line setting machine or line shooter to set the main longline when making deep sets using monofilament main longline;

(2) Attach a weight of at least 45 g to each branch line within 1 m of the hook when making deep sets using monofilament main longline;

(3) When using basket-style longline gear, ensure that the main longline is deployed slack to maximize its sink rate;