### Purpose

To reduce the risks associated with trawling and dragging activities.

### Responsibilities

* Master – Ensure this procedure is carried out as written and to make any changes needed to this procedure to ensure the safety of the crew.
* Crew – Follow the procedure below at the direction of the vessel master.

### Procedure

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| **Step** | **Trawling and Dragging** |
| 1. | Maintain contact with the wheelhouse before starting and after stopping operations (depending on the size of the vessel). |
| **2.** | Use hand signals for communication when operating the winches or working near the trawl. |
| **3.** | Do not stand under the cod end while it’s being hoisted. |
| **4.** | Pay special attention when stepping over the warps. Never step over warps when taking back the gear. |
| **5.** | Releasing and securing trawl doors should only be done by experienced crewmembers. |
| **6.** | If towing from outrigger booms, keep booms as low as possible. |
| **7.** | When “knocking out”, stand forward of the towing block. |
| **8.** | Use guardrails, lifelines and PFDs when working near the stern ramp. This area is particularly hazardous. |
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