

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

22ND MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIAL SETS FOR VESSELS WITH DMLs

1. CONDITIONS FOR TRIAL SETS

Vessels with DMLs shall conduct a trial set if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The vessel is new.
2. The vessel is not new, but has been allocated a DML for the first time.
3. The vessel did not have a DML during the previous calendar year.
4. The vessel's net is new.
5. The vessel's net has undergone alteration or repair that could require the safety panel to be re-aligned.
6. The safety panel has been completely replaced.
7. IDCP observers reported on two or more consecutive trips that there were frequent net canopies and/or excess corkline in the backdown area.
8. The vessel has never conducted a trial set with the participation of qualified technicians from the IATTC or the national program.

2. COSTS AND SCHEDULING OF TRIAL SETS

The cost of travel and lodging for trial set technicians shall be paid by the vessel owner, either directly, or by reimbursing the corresponding program (IATTC or national) for any such costs.

In order to minimize the expenses of conducting trial sets incurred by the IATTC and national programs, trial sets for several vessels should be scheduled simultaneously over a period of one or more days during a closure of the purse-seine fishery.