

Protect Grow Innovate

Challenge 2 – Depredation

Depredation is the term used in the fishing industry where a marine predator (such as a whale, shark or seal), steals the vessel's catch. Primarily this occurs in longline fishing, where the marine predator has learned to associate fishing vessels and longline fishing gear with an easy source of food. In these instances, the marine predator will eat the caught fish directly off the hook.

What ideas could be tried to prevent or reduce these depredation events from occurring without causing harm to the predator?

