

Inspection of Vessels and Gear at Sea

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Activity	What are the hazards?	Who might be affected?	Initial Risk Level			Control Measures	Controlled Risk Level		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level
Boarding from fishing vessel and patrol vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips and trips Drowning Skipper/crew hostility Crushing injuries due to vessels colliding 	Staff	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate with skipper of the fishing vessel to make them aware of boarding and to agree easiest access Dynamically risk assess sea and weather conditions for suitability of boarding Wait for coxswain/skipper to give the go ahead for a boarding while the patrol vessel is alongside Use a boarding ladder if freeboard is greater than 1.5 metres Climb ladders while adhering to Working at Height protocols Wear appropriate PPE at all times e.g. lifejacket etc Conflict management if skipper/crew become aggressive All boarding parties should consist of at least two officers Terminate boarding if unsafe to continue Carry a mobile phone at all times 	3	1	3
Hauling and shooting of fishing gear of fishing vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entanglement in ropes Injuries from moving gear 	Staff/Public	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not get involved in hauling or shooting of gear on a fishing vessel and allow skipper/crew to conduct normal fishing operations Follow the skippers instructions when necessary Stand well clear or off deck when gear is being hauled or shot away 	3	1	3

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing appropriate PPE at all times Stand clear of any ropes or coils of ropes 			
Moving around the fishing vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entanglement in ropes or gear Slips and trips 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid gear and equipment on deck as much as practicable Communicate with skipper/crew and follow their instruction when necessary Familiarise yourself with the layout of the fishing vessel Stand clear of any ropes or coils of ropes Ensure no loose items are hanging from clothing or PPE 	2	1	2
Inspection of gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entanglement in ropes or gear Cuts and injury from sharp edges 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure gear is secured before measuring Use correct equipment to measure gear Wear appropriate PPE at all times Use assistance from others when necessary Stand clear of ropes or any coils of ropes 	2	1	2
Inspection of catch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bites and cuts Infections and diseases Injuries from lifting heavy objects 	Staff	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate handling techniques of catch Wear appropriate PPE at all times including gloves Use assistance from other officers when necessary If injury occurs clean wound and apply dressing as soon as possible Wash hands at earliest opportunity after handling Cover any cuts or abrasions Conduct inspection in a suitable, clear area 	2	1	2
Going below deck/refrigeration rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slips and trips Noxious gases Fire 	Staff	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow instruction from skipper/crew when necessary Become familiar with escape routes 	3	1	3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric shocks 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamically risk assess environment as to whether it is safe to go into areas below deck • Allow skipper/crew to enter refrigerated holds before proceeding with inspection 			
Hauling and shooting of fishing gear from patrol vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entanglement in ropes • Cuts and injury from sharp edges • Injuries from lifting heavy equipment 	Staff	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow instruction from coxswain/skipper and get the go ahead before beginning activity • Adhere to manual handling protocols • Use assistance from other officers when necessary • Make sure there is enough room on deck to bring gear aboard • Coil rope/chain in a tidy manner to reduce clutter on deck • Keep gear clear of propellers and other moving parts • Stand clear of any ropes or coils of ropes 	2	1	2

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