

Proposed Seabird Streamer Line Requirements:

Vessels using bottom longline gear would need to follow the following requirements when operating north of 36° N. latitude, depending on their vessel length and gear use, unless engaging in night setting.

Vessel Length Overall (LOA)	Bottom longline gear type	Number of streamer lines	Length of streamer lines	Streamer line aerial extent	Weather Safety Exemption
26-55 feet with superstructure	Snap	1	At least 147 feet 7 inches (45 meters)	minimum of 65 ft 7 in (20 m) aft of the stern and within 6 ft 7 in (2 m) horizontally of the point where the main groundline enters the water before the first hook is set	Small Craft Advisory for Wind or greater
≥55 feet with superstructure	Not-snap (regular bottom longline)	2	At least 300 feet (91.4 meters)	minimum of 131 ft (40m) aft of the stern for vessels under 100 ft (30.5 m) LOA. At least one streamer line must be deployed before the first hook is set and a second streamer line must be deployed within 90 seconds thereafter	Gale Warning
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26-55 feet without superstructure	Snap or not-snap	No streamer lines, only buoy bag requirement with no performance requirements			Gale Warning

Streamer line performance measures that are the same across gear types and vessel lengths:

- Have streamers spaced a maximum of every 16 ft 5 in (5 m).
- Have individual streamers that hang attached to the mainline to 10 in (0.25 m) above the waterline in the absence of wind.
- Have streamers constructed of material that is brightly colored, UV-protected plastic tubing or 3/8 inch polyester line or material of an equivalent density.