

Operating policy for single handed operators



When completed, this document can be used as evidence to satisfy the RFS Standard requirements in respect of the vessel and its mission to operate legally.

Operating policy

The below signees on behalf of the vessel owner(s) and skipper(s) recognise the requirement to, at all times operate within and comply with any and all legal requirements as they may apply to the vessel named in this application.

It is further confirmed that it shall, whilst at sea be the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that whilst under their command that operations are conducted within the legal frameworks set out in the applicable RFS standard.

Such compliance will include the correct and timely maintenance of, and when requested submission for scrutiny of records to the relevant authorities.

In addition such compliance will include the correct maintenance, operational state and functioning of any and all equipment legally required to be operational as part of fisheries management measures and legislation. Further that any malfunctioning equipment will be repaired as soon as is practically possible after the discovery of malfunction or failure.

Further it is the policy of the vessel named in this application, that its skipper(s) will, at all times fully cooperate and assist all agencies and authorities with respect to the provision of any appropriate information and records (as relevant to their respective powers), with boarding of and disembarkation from the applicant vessel, with any inspection of the vessel and its gear.

In addition where there are voluntary agreements in place within the fishery or for the species concerned, the vessel applicant shall have a compliant policy committing to comply with these relevant agreements in place.

OWNER DECLARATION	
SIGNED	
PRINT NAME	
DATE	

SKIPPER DECLARATION (IF NOT OWNER)	
SIGNED	
PRINT NAME	
DATE	