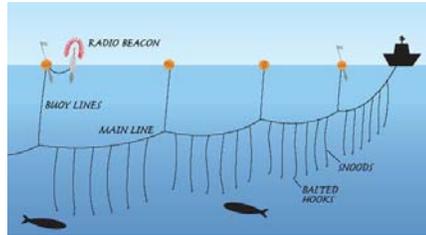


Longliners

Fishing Technique

A *Longliner* pays out a long line of baited hooks that are either suspended from floats (pelagic longline) or that lay on the bottom.



Pelagic or Midwater Longline

Bottom Longline

Vessel Description

A *longliner* has an aft house where baiting of the hooks is accomplished. An anchor with a bouyed flag are first passed out of a hatch at the stern, followed by the long line of hundreds of baited hooks. At the end of each string a final flagged buoy marks the end of the string of hooks.

Located slightly forward of midships on the starboard side of the vessel is the hauling station. To pick up the longline, the first flagged buoy is brought into the starboard side of the vessel at the hauling station. Machinery passes the longline back to the aft storage and baiting area. A set of rollers removes each fish from the hook at the hauling station and the fish is sent to the processing area.



Target Species

In the D13 AOR, longliners can be found targeting all species of Groundfish (including rockfish, flatfish, and finfish) off the entire Washington and Oregon coasts, primarily in the vicinity of major banks and canyons. There are approximately 300 federally licensed longliners on the West Coast, which fish off Washington, Oregon, and California.