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Gill or Set Netting

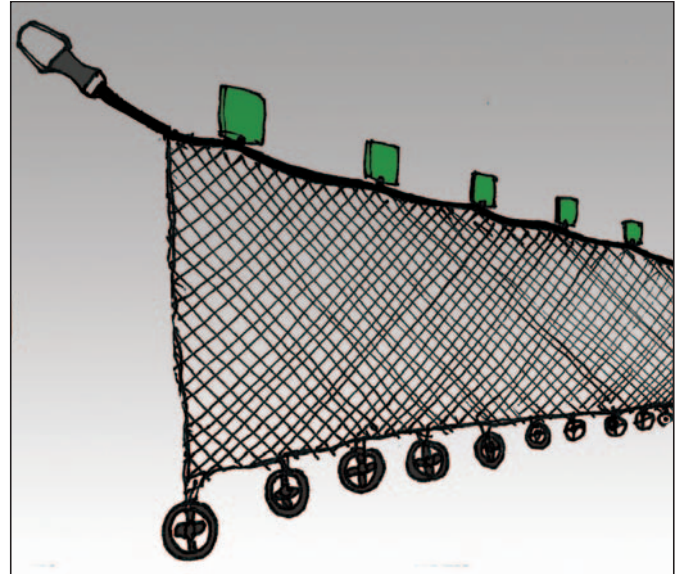
Set netting operations are done at various depths and at various speeds.

This section deals with hazards unique to set netting.

Deploying the net

Once the first set of floats at one end are in the water the vessel moves at speed until the net is reached. During this time the line deploys at speed.

- Don't let the line run through your hands.
- Stand well clear of the bite.
- **Keep your fingers clear of the net as it deploys.**
- **Keep clothing clear at all times.**
- Do not attempt to unhook / untangle mesh when the vessel is underway and before the brake has been applied to net hauler. Stop the net then attend to any tangles before continuing to set.



Retrieving/hauling in the net

Depending on the tide and wind, pick from the correct end so the boat doesn't drift into the net and get the rudder or propeller tangled in the net.

- Take care when hauling down lines. The lines are under tension and could part and snap back in your direction.
- Haul the net at a safe speed depending on weather conditions etc.



The boat driver and the winch driver must remain totally focused on what is happening with the crew, nets and lines throughout the operation!