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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required to select, rig and maintain different types of fishing gear to gain the best performance in relation to environmental conditions and target species including ways in which this performance can be monitored. It also deals with legislative requirements,and safe procedures and practices.  Planning and overseeing fish gear repair activities is also required.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the management level with responsibility for selecting and rigging fishing gear. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. evaluate and determine the fishing gear to be used 2. ensure that the gear selected is appropriate to target species, anticipated catch rates and the operating environment 3. ensure that the selected fishing gear matches the operating capability of the vessel 4. confirm that the selected gear and rigging complies with relevant fisheries legislation 5. adjust the rigging of the gear to suit the target species and the operating area 6. monitor performance of the gear and implement adjustments to the rigging to match changes in operating conditions 7. identify worn or damaged gear and organise its replacement as necessary 8. plan and support the implementation of fishing gear repair activities 9. monitor the effectiveness of fishing gear repairs |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. the gear types available and their suitability for different target species and operating environments 2. how to match gear and operational method to vessel capabilities 3. what the operating characteristics and limitations of gear handling systems are 4. operating procedures of common gear types 5. terminology relating to gear specifications 6. effects of alterations in rigging on gear configuration and performance 7. behaviour of target species in relation to gear 8. how to visually monitor gear performance 9. how to plan fishing gear repair activities 10. how to implement fishing gear repairs 11. how to monitor the effectiveness of fishing gear repairs 12. the application of statutory regulations and guidelines, organisational instructions and guidance and vessel contingency plans |

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