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# Hawaii Longline Seabird Regulations

(Code of Federal Regulations Title 50, Part 665, Section 665.815)

- 1. How do you set your gear →
- 2. Do you shallow-set or deep-set, and where are you →
- 3. What you need to do ↓

	<u><b>STERN-SETTING</b></u>		<u><b>SIDE-SETTING</b></u>	
	Shallow-Set Anywhere	Deep-Set North of 23° N	Shallow-Set Anywhere	Deep-Set North of 23° N
Deploy mainline from port or starboard side at least 1 m forward of stern corner			Yes	Yes
If line shooter is used, mount it at least 1 m forward from stern corner			Yes	Yes
Use a specified bird curtain aft of the setting station during the set			Yes	Yes
Deploy gear so that hooks do not resurface			Yes	Yes
Attach 45 g or heavier weights within 1 m of hook of each hook		Yes	Yes	Yes
Use a line shooter to set the mainline		Yes		
Deploy a tori line system that meets required specifications before the first hook is set		Yes		
Keep two tori lines on boat		Yes		
Keep two 1-pound containers of blue-dye on boat	Yes			
Use completely thawed and blue-dyed bait	Yes			
Keep fish parts and spent bait with all hooks removed for strategic offal discard	Yes			
Cut all swordfish heads in half, and use heads and livers for strategic offal discard	Yes			
Night Set - begin set 1 hour after local sunset and finish 1 hour before next sunrise and keep lighting to a minimum	Yes			

**Important note: If a seabird is accidentally caught, you must follow safe seabird handling guidelines everywhere you fish.**



**Blue-dyed bait should look similar to the color above.**