

Agreed amendments to the sorting grid arrangements

Given below are amendments to the sorting grid arrangements to apply in addition to the current regulations for the use of sorting grid in the blue whiting fishery in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

To prevent unnecessary loss of blue whiting (the target species) with the use of the sorting grid the installations below are recommended, based on joint Russian and Faroese experiments in 2008 and 2009. It is recommended to install a leading panel in front of the sorting grid and insertion of ropes to stabilize the escape opening, as described below (see attached illustration):

for lifting panel — a lifting net panel 200-300 cm long with a width equal to trawl's codend horizontal spreading at the place of fastening should be installed before the grid, frontal edge of the panel should be tightly fastened to the lower panel of the trawl;

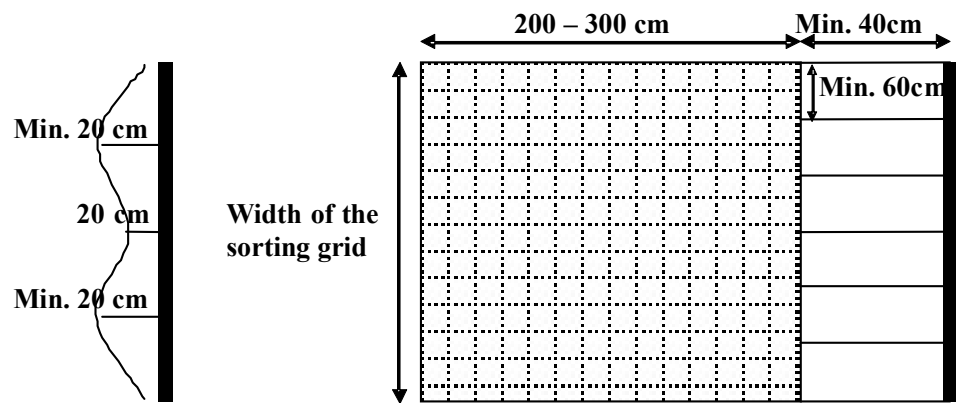
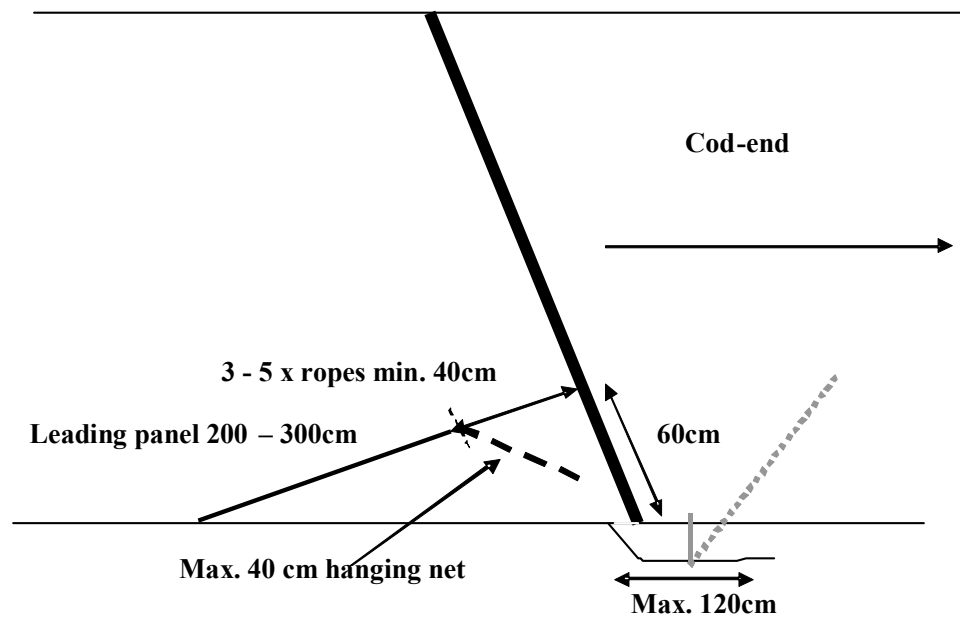
distance from the rear edge of the lifting panel to the grid should be at least 40 cm;

free (rear) edge of the lifting panel should be connected with the grid by ropes of the same length (min. 40 cm), the distance between ropes not less than 60 cm;

from edge of the lifting panel a (hanging) net can be fastened to the end of the lifting panel of max. 40 cm length, of the same with as the leading panel. The hanging net must be below the ropes between the lifting panel and the grid;

for escaping window — free edge of the escaping window in front of the grid is recommended to connect to the lower edge of the grid with ropes of the length of min. 20 cm. The distance between the ropes should not be less than 75 cm.

Illustration of the rigging and installation of a sorting grid in the trawl, with the latest modifications adding a leading panel in front of the grid and insertion of ropes to stabilise the escape opening.



Between lower panel and grid

Leading panel