



HOOKS

MANUFACTURING COMMERCIAL HOOKS FOR LONGLINING IS A SURPRISINGLY TOUGH BUSINESS. ONLY A HANDFUL OF SUPPLIERS ARE ABLE TO COST-EFFECTIVELY MEET THE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS OF LONGLINE FISHERMEN AND AUTOMATIC LONGLINE SYSTEMS. SOME OF THE CHALLENGES TO BE MET ARE ILLUSTRATED IN THE DIAGRAM.

Rapid baiting and hauling requires hooks of highly consistent shape. Salt water and physical abrasion pose corrosion challenges. Over-coating for corrosion resistance adversely affects hook sharpness and costs. Hooks that are too brittle tend to lose the barb, which retains bait as well as fish, and break during repairs. Hooks that are too soft straighten during use and require high maintenance. Studies have shown that a significant proportion of fish that attack longline bait do not get caught. Hook sharpness needs to be excellent.

Fishermen expect all these and more properties to be optimised, while keeping costs as low as possible. No wonder few manufacturers are up to the challenge. Fiskevegn works closely with the world's best commercial hook manufacturers to bring the best possible hooks to the longline market. Drawing on our contact with professional fishermen all over the world, we liaise with manufacturers to keep hooks evolving.



PROPERTY	OPTIONS
Sizes	11/0-15/0. Wire-dimension and forged options.
Shape	EZ / J - W - Circle - Offset (hand baiting)
Batch markings	Upon request. Regulatory requirement in certain fisheries.
Stainless steel	Recommended for hand baiting only, not compatible with magnetic hook separators.
Snoods	Polyester, various sizes.
Snood coating	Environment friendly Polyethylene. Colour options.

