Ghost gear sighting report

This form is to be used for reporting the sighting of abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG), also known as ghost gear, in the marine and freshwater environments. This includes gear observed at sea or from shore, provided the sighting occurs in the marine or freshwater environments.

If there are multiple sightings of ghost gear at different coordinates, please submit a separate form for each sighting.

These reports are valuable to DFO authorized ALDFG retrieval effort and support broader ghost gear program planning, helping improve retrieval efficiency and reduce gear impacts on marine ecosystems.

Privacy notice statement

The information you provide is collected under the authority of the *Fisheries Act* (section 9.1(2) and 9.2) and the *Fishery (General) Regulations* (section 22.1) for the purpose of the proper management and control of fisheries under DFO jurisdiction, and through section 6 authorizations to retrieve and dispose of abandoned, lost, or discarded fishing gear under the *Wrecked and Abandoned Hazardous Vessels Act*. The information may be used for compliance review, safety or security purposes, administration or enforcement of a law, the detection, prevention, or suppression of crime,

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General information

Date of sighting (DD/MM/YYYY) (required):

First name and last name:

Telephone (For example: 111-222-3333):

Email (For example: name@example.com):

If you are a fish harvester, please provide the following licence information

This form must not be used by harvesters to report their own lost gear. If you have lost fishing gear and wish to submit a report, please visit Reporting requirements for commercial fisheries.

Fisher identification number (FIN):

Licence number and/or licence type:

Vessel registration number (VRN)::

Location details of the sighted gear

Provide location of the sighting as precisely as possible. (e.g. body of water, general area, closest town):

If coordinates are known:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Gear description

Type of gear (e.g. nets, line, rope, traps, pots, buoys, floats, etc.):

Quantity of gear (estimate):

Additional information regarding the gear (e.g. ID tags, rope patterning, buoy colour, gear markers, etc.):

With an electronic submission, a confirmation email will automatically be sent upon receipt.

For more information: Ghost Gear program

If a photograph has been taken, please send to DFO.LostandRetrievedGear-EnginsPerdusetRecuperes.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

If you are mailing in this form, please send to:

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