Lost fishing gear form

***Fields with an asterisk are mandatory**

To operate legally and in compliance with the *Fisheries Act* and related regulations, commercial harvesters must follow the conditions of license in their permit. This includes mandatory reporting of the retrieval of any of their own previously reported lost gear within 24 hours of returning to port at the end of the fishing trip.

Privacy notice statement

The information you provide through the Fishing Gear Reporting System 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, and investigative purposes. Failure to provide this information may result in the suspension or cancellation of current licences and/or authorizations, and the denial of future requests for licences under the *Fisheries (General) Regulations*, or authorizations under

the *Wrecked and Abandoned Hazardous Vessels Act*. You have the right to the correction of, access to, and protection of your personal information under the *Privacy Act* and to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada over DFO's handling of your information. Personal information collected through the Fishing Gear Reporting System is described in the Personal Information Bank (PIB) MPO PPU 410 and DFO PPU 415.

Individual and licence information

***Region of licence issuance:**

- **Arctic**
- **Gulf**
- **Maritimes**
- **Newfoundland and Labrador**
- **Pacific**
- **Quebec**

***Date of report (DD/MM/YYY):**

***First and last name of fishing vessel operator:**

***Fisher identification number (FIN):**

***Licence number:**

***Vessel registration number (VRN):**

***Telephone:**

***Email:**

Where did you lose your gear

***The last date the gear was known to be at this location (DD/MM/YYY):**

***Coordinates system:**

- **NAD 83**
- **WGS 84**
- **NAD 27**

***Select coordinate format:**

- **decimal degrees**
- **degrees decimal minutes**
- **degrees minutes seconds**

***Latitude:**

***Longitude:**

***Target species:**

***Fishery management area (e.g. LFA 27, NAFO 4X):**

Describe your lost gear

*Gear type

- [ ] **Trap**
- [ ] **Pot**
- [ ] **Buoy**
- [ ] **Rope**
- [ ] **Longline**
- [ ] **Net**
- [ ] **Seine**
- [ ] **Trawl**
- [ ] **Troll**
- [ ] **On-demand gear**
- [ ] **Aquaculture**

- [ ] **Gear tag**
- [ ] **Dredge**
- [ ] **Anchor**

Other (Specify):

Number of units lost:

Sequential number(s) of the tag(s) attached to the lost fishing gear:

***Description of gear lost (e.g. vertical lines, gear markers, etc):**

***Estimated length of rope lost (in ft):**

Estimated length of netting lost (in ft):

Number of buoys lost:

Buoy(s) description (e.g. markings, sequence number, colour, etc):

*Reason for loss

- ○ **Equipment failure**
- ○ **Gear conflict**
- ○ **Ice**
- ○ **Snag**
- ○ **Suspected theft**
- ○ **Weather**
- ○ **Vessel interaction**
- ○ **Unknown**

Other (Specify):

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