

Licence No.: 2026/27-FSC-0006-02

Fishery Identification Number (FIN): 9-C00000-31

ABORIGINAL COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCE – 2026/2027

This Licence is issued under authority of the *Fisheries Act* and subsection 4.(1) of the *Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licences Regulations*.

This Licence confers on the **Eel River Bar (First Nation)**, subject to the *Fisheries Act* and regulations made thereunder, the authority to fish for lobster in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 23 outlined in the attached schedule A under the conditions set out below.

Definitions:

The following definitions apply to this Licence:

"DFO" means the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

"First Nation" means Eel River Bar First Nation (ERBFN).

"Fishery Guardian" means an individual hired by one or more of the First Nations and designated as a Fishery Guardian by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the *Fisheries Act*.

"Length", in relation to a lobster, means the distance from the rear of either eye socket to the rear end of the carapace measured along a straight line parallel to the center line of the carapace of the lobster.

"Rangers, Monitors and Resource Management Officer Technician (RMOT)" means a member of the Eel River Bar First Nation designated to weigh lobster catches of the FN designated fish harvesters aboard the catch monitoring landing sites.

"NARW" North Atlantic Right Whale

"VIN" means Vessel Identification Number

Species, Quantities, Locations, Gear and Gear Marking, and Dates and Times:

Subject to amendments to the conditions of this Licence and subject to close times as may be varied in accordance with the Fishery (General) Regulations by the Regional Director General, Gulf Region, DFO, the species of fish set out in column I of an item of the attached Schedule A are permitted to be taken:

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- a) in the quantities set out in column II of that item,
- b) in the location set out in column III of that item,
- c) during the dates and times set out in column IV of that item,
- d) using the gear or method set out in column V of that item, and
- e) in accordance with any other conditions set out in column V of that item.

Subject to the period of time set out in the attached Schedule A, the authority to fish under this Licence is valid from September 14, 2026 and will expire on October 19, 2026.

Designated Fish Harvesters:

Only Eel River Bar First Nation registered band members are hereby designated to fish under the authority of this Licence.

Anyone present on any vessel while fishing under the authority of this Licence, or transporting fish harvested under the authority of this Licence must provide proof of ERBFN registered band membership and must provide proof of ERBFN registered band membership on request by any Fishery Officer, Fishery Guardian, Rangers, Monitors or RMOT .

Disposition of Fish:

Without prejudice to future arrangements or regulations, fish harvested under this Licence are for food, social and ceremonial (FSC) purposes, and shall not be sold, traded or bartered.

Monitoring and Catch Reporting:

Catch monitoring will be conducted by Eel River Bar First Nation and by DFO. Where in any week, fishing is carried out under this Licence; the First Nation will provide DFO with trap counts and catch information on the fishing activities before noon on the Monday of the following week. The information will include the total numbers of traps used in the fishery, the total hours fished and the total catch. The information will be forwarded to the Eastern New Brunswick Area Office in Tracadie-Sheila, either by email to the Indigenous Program Coordinator or via fax at (506) 395-1819.

Species at Risk Act

In accordance with the recovery strategy for the Northern Wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*), Spotted Wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*), and for the Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) the licence holder/operator is permitted to carry out food, social and ceremonial fishing activities authorized under the Fisheries Act that may incidentally kill, harm, harass, capture or take the Northern Wolffish, the Spotted Wolffish or the Leatherback Turtle, as per subsection 83(4) of the Species At Risk Act (SARA).

Pursuant to the subsections 73(2) to (6.1) of the Species at Risk Act, the licence holder/operator is permitted to carry out food, social and ceremonial fishing activities authorized under the Fisheries Act that may incidentally kill, harm, harass or capture a White Shark when fishing under the authority of these licence conditions.

The following conditions apply:

- a) This authorization is only valid while food, social and ceremonial fishing is conducted under the authority of the licence issued under the Fisheries Act in all authorized waters under this licence.
- b) The licence holder/operator is required to ensure that, while the fishing activities are conducted, every person on board the vessel who incidentally catches a Northern Wolffish, a Spotted Wolffish, a Leatherback Turtle and a White Shark forthwith returns it to the place from which it was taken, and where it is alive, in a manner that causes it the least harm.

SARA reporting requirements:

- a) Only the Species at Risk Logbook and Species at Risk Logbook - Instructions documents that are provided with these licence conditions must be utilized (See Schedule B).
- b) All interactions with a Northern Wolffish, a Spotted Wolffish, a Leatherback Turtle and a White Shark must be indicated in the Species at Risk Logbook.
- c) The Species at Risk Logbook must be completed as per the Species at Risk Logbook - Instructions document PRIOR TO ENTERING PORT.
- d) The Species at Risk Logbook must be signed by the licence holder/operator.
- e) The Species at Risk Logbook must be returned no later than 7 calendar days after the closure of the fishing season, even if there was no interaction with a species at risk, at the following address:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Statistics Division
P.O. Box 5030
Moncton, N.B. E1C 9B6

Marine Mammal Interaction Reporting

- a) The licence holder/operator shall provide information regarding all lethal and non-lethal marine mammal interactions during fishing trips;
- b) For the purpose of subsection a), lethal and non-lethal interactions include bycatch, collision and all sightings of marine mammals entangled in fishing gear;
- c) The licence holder/operator must complete the DFO Marine Mammal Interaction Form listed in Schedule C and it must be submitted as per the instructions provided on the form.

Sighting of Whales

The licence holder/operator must report any sightings of live and healthy whales to 1-844-800-8568 or xmarwhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca (See Schedule F).

Dockside monitoring and reporting:

While operating or carrying out fishing activity under this Licence, and when fishing is completed, and lobster has been retained, designated fish harvesters must sail to one of the three designated monitoring stations located at the Dalhousie Wharf, New Mills Wharf and Charlo Beach Boat Slip (Bar Stretch) using the shortest route, in order to have his/her lobster catch verified by the First Nation monitors.

All lobster caught and retained by all ERBFN Registered designated fish harvesters are to be kept on board the vessel/boat until the vessel/boat utilized reaches the designated landing site. No undersized lobster or lobster with eggs attached shall be retained by ERBFN Registered designated fish harvesters.

Each ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester must off-load all of his catch daily for verification at the following designated areas only:

Dalhousie Wharf, New Mills Wharf and Charlo Beach Boat Slip (Bar Stretch),

While operating or carrying out fishing activity under this Licence, no trans-shipment of any fish shall take place at sea.

Following the verification by the First Nation monitor, each ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester may be issued a landing slip specifying:

- a) the date and time of landing/offloading;
- b) the designated fish harvester's name;
- c) the amount of lobsters landed; and weight in lbs; and
- d) the First Nation monitor's name(s).

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The ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester shall carry the landing slip at all times while transporting any of the lobster to which the landing slip relates and shall present the landing slip to a DFO Fishery Officer, Fishery Guardian or other duly authorized representative of the First Nation upon request.

Each ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester is required to have all lobster catches weighed, including all lobster to be utilized by the captain and the crew. Except for the weight of the containers, there shall be no deduction from the weight after the lobster has been weighed for ice, water, slime, gills, and other things.

Each ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester is required to provide access to his vessel including all fish holds, containers, and other things, by a First Nation monitor for the purpose of verifying the amount of lobster caught and retained and observing the landing of all lobster and recording the weight or quantity of all off-loaded lobster.

Catch information will be transmitted to the Eastern New Brunswick Area Office in Tracadie-Sheila, either by email to the Indigenous Program Coordinator or via fax at (506) 395-1819 on a weekly basis.

DESIGNATED VESSELS

This Licence authorizes fishing using the following vessel(s):

Vessel Name(s)	Designated Fishers (Designated Main Operators) Name
XXX XXX (VIN: XXXXXX)	XXX XXX
XXX XXX (VIN: XXXXXX)	XXX XXX

Identification of fishing gear:

While fishing under the authority of this licence, no ERBFN Registered designated fish harvester shall set, operate or leave unattended any fishing gear in the water other than mobile gear unless the buoys attached to the traps are marked with the ERBFN Band Card number of the fish harvester utilizing the gear.

A clearly visible floating buoy must be attached to the trap or string of traps and must be marked by the ERBFN Band Card number of the fish harvester utilizing the gear. This shall be the only number displayed on the buoys;

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Lost gear reporting

The licence holder/operator must report any lost fishing gear to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) by completing and submitting the Lost Fishing Gear form available online at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/reports-rapports/lost-gear-perte-eng/in/index-eng.html> or in Schedule D of these licence conditions within 24 hours of entering to port after noticing the loss of gear.

Retrieved gear reporting

The licence holder/operator must report the retrieval of any of their own previously reported lost gear to DFO by completing and submitting the Retrieval of Previously Reported Fishing Gear form available online at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/reports-rapports/retrieved-gear-recuperation-eng/in/index-eng.html> or in Schedule E of these licence conditions within 24 hours of entering to port after retrieving gear previously reported as lost. Retrieval can only occur during the validity period of these licence conditions and only in relation to the specific type of gear authorized to be used by these licence conditions.

Other Provisions:

While fishing under the authority of this Licence, each lobster trap must be tagged with a valid 2026 tag issued by DFO from the following tag series numbers:

G MPO FSC/Lobster G DFO ERBFN No.: XXXXXXXXX to XXXXXXXXX (700 orange-coloured tags).

Two of the designated community fishing vessels will use up to 150 traps each

or

subject to sub-paragraph (X), a member may also choose to have his or her tag fished by a band-designated Community fishing vessel: **The XXX VIN XXXX Designated Operator XXX XXX and XXX XXX XXXXXXXX Designated Operator XXX XXX.**

Each tag must be securely attached to the frame of the lobster trap in the manner for which the tag was designed. All other tags must be removed. The buoys attached to the traps must be marked with the ERBFN Band Card number of the fish harvester utilizing the gear.

While fishing under the authority of this Licence, all lobster must be measured immediately after removal from the trap.

While fishing under the authority of this Licence, lobster less than **81.0** mm in length and female lobsters of a length of 115 mm but not more than 129 mm must be returned to the water immediately. Every fishing vessel shall have an 81mm gauge on board their vessel at all time.

Retention of female lobsters with eggs attached is prohibited and must be return to the water immediately in a manner that causes it the least harm.

While fishing under the authority of this Licence, no individual on board the vessel shall participate in recreational fishing for any species.

While fishing under the authority of this Licence, no individual on board the vessel shall participate in commercial fishing of any kind.

No individual shall possess, in the location set out in column III of item I of the attached Schedule A, any claw, tail or meat that has been separated from the thorax or carapace of a lobster.

Fishing gear shall not be left unattended in the water for more than 72 consecutive hours.

Escape panels: Designated fish harvesters are prohibited from fishing with or having on board a vessel a lobster trap unless that lobster trap has, in the exterior wall of each parlour, and not more than 76 mm from the floor of the trap, at least one unobstructed rectangular opening. Designated fish harvesters will have the choice between one of the two following escape mechanisms:

- 1) An escape mechanism with a minimum opening height of 46 mm if the opening has a minimum length of 127 mm but not greater than 254 mm; or
- 2) An escape mechanism with a minimum opening height of 46 mm if the opening has a length greater than 254 mm.

Biodegradable panels: No designated fish harvesters shall fish with or have on board a vessel a lobster trap unless the lobster trap has, on one exterior wall of each parlour, a biodegradable mechanism that provides, when removed, an unobstructed opening that meets the requirements set out in either item a or b below.

- (a) When using a trap with a rigid parlour (e.g. wire mesh), the biodegradable mechanism, when removed, must provide an unobstructed opening not less than 89 mm in height and 148 mm in width. The mechanism shall be attached to either the outside or inside of an exterior side wall of each parlour and it shall only be fastened at a maximum of four points (looped once) and may be interlaced once through each mesh using only 100% natural untreated cotton not greater than 2.5 mm in diameter; The mechanism shall not be hinged at any points of contact;
- (b) When using a trap with a non-rigid parlour (e.g. nylon mesh), a minimum of five meshes must be cut and the biodegradable mechanism, when removed, must provide an unobstructed rectangular horizontal opening not less than 89 mm in height and 148 mm in width. The mechanism to fasten the opening must be made of 100% natural untreated cotton twine not greater than 2.5 mm in diameter fastened at each end (looped once) of the opening and interlaced once through each mesh of the opening.

Where on wire or wooden traps, the **Escape Panel** described above, also serves as the **Biodegradable Panel** described above, the panel shall be attached to either the outside or inside of an exterior side wall of each parlour and it shall only be fastened at a maximum of four points

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(looped once) with only 100% natural untreated cotton not greater than 2.5 mm in diameter; the escape mechanism shall not be hinged at any points of contact.

No material or device of any kind shall obstruct the hoop entrance of the trap.

Designated fish harvesters shall not fish with or have on board a vessel a lobster trap that has a hoop entrance which has an inside diameter which exceeds 152 mm at the widest point.

No individual shall fish with or have onboard a vessel, a lobster trap that exceeds:

- a) 125 cm in its greatest length
- b) 90 cm in its greatest width
- c) 50 cm in its greatest height

Incidental Catch

While fishing for lobster under the authority of this Licence, designated fish harvesters may retain only male rock crab of a carapace size equal to or greater than 102 mm in width caught incidentally.

While fishing for lobster under the authority of this Licence, designated fish harvesters must release all groundfish forthwith to the water, incidentally caught, and where it is alive, in a manner that causes it the least harm.

FISHING PROHIBITIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALES

- 1) Upon the issuance of a Notice of fishing prohibition for the protection of North Atlantic right whales (NARW), the licence holder and the operator:
 - a. Are prohibited from setting and maintaining fishing gear authorized in this condition of licence in the area specified in the Notice, and;
 - b. Must remove from the water any such gear from the specified area prior to the commencement of the fishing prohibition

These requirements apply for as long that prohibition is in effect.

- 2) Notice of fishing prohibition for the protection of NARW will be communicated in one or more of the following methods:
 - a. Broadcasting the notice over a commercial or marine radio station, a radio station operated by DFO, or a radio station located on a vessel under contract to DFO that broadcasts in the area or vicinity of the area affected by the prohibition;
 - b. Posting the notice on the Orders Registry applicable to the fisher region:
 - i. Quebec region: <https://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/quebec/orders-registry>
 - ii. Gulf region: <https://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/gulf/orders-registry>
 - c. Transmitting the notice by electronic means to those persons affected by the prohibition, or;
 - d. Having a fishery officer or fishery guardian give oral notice thereof to those persons;

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- 3) Whenever applicable, the revocation or amendment of the Notice of fishing prohibition for the protection of NARW will be communicated by one or more of the methods listed in section 2.

This management measures supports the protection and recovery of North Atlantic right whales by reducing the risks of entanglement in fishing gear Compliance with the *Fisheries Act* and the regulations made thereunder is a condition of this Licence.

This Licence is not valid unless the Schedules A, B, C, D, E and F are attached.

Luc Légère
Area Director, Eastern New Brunswick
Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Dated: _____

SCHEDULE A

ITEM	COLUMN I SPECIES	COLUMN II QUANTITIES	COLUMN III LOCATION	COLUMN IV DATES AND TIMES	COLUMN V GEAR AND GEAR MARKINGS																					
1.	Lobster	Not Applicable for 2026	Fishing for Lobster is authorized in a portion of Lobster Fishing Area 23, adjacent to the Eel River Bar Indian Reserve #3,. This zone is define as the water enclosed by the coastline (Point 1 and 5) and rhumb line (similar to straight lines plotted on a nautical chart) joining the following points in the order in which they are listed below <table><thead><tr><th>Point</th><th>North Latitude</th><th>West Longitude</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1.</td><td>48°04'15.142"</td><td>66°22'05.931"</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>48°05'04.180"</td><td>66°21'27.829"</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>48°03'16.179"</td><td>66°19'18.825"</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>48°02'49.826"</td><td>66°12'01.013"</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>48°00'45.459"</td><td>66°12'01.015"</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>47°58'29.101"</td><td>66°11'16.243"</td></tr></tbody></table> Note: When the geographic boundary of this area is expressed in Latitude and Longitude, those point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.	Point	North Latitude	West Longitude	1.	48°04'15.142"	66°22'05.931"	2.	48°05'04.180"	66°21'27.829"	3.	48°03'16.179"	66°19'18.825"	4.	48°02'49.826"	66°12'01.013"	5.	48°00'45.459"	66°12'01.015"	6.	47°58'29.101"	66°11'16.243"	From September 14, 2026 to October 19, 2026.	A maximum of Seven Hundred (700) lobster traps. Tag numbers: G MPO FSC/Lobster G DFO ERBFN No.: XXXXXXXXXX to XXXXXXXXXX (700 orange-coloured tags) All lobster traps must be tagged with valid 2026 tags issued by DFO and the buoys attached must be marked with the ERBFN Band card number of the fish harvester utilizing the gear.
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2.	Rock Crab	As incidental catch from item 1. All female rock crab must be released.	As described in item 1.	At the same dates and times from item 1.	No person shall use as bait in a lobster trap, rock crab of a width less than 102 mm. When using rock crab for bait, the rock crab must be identifiable by sex and width. The crushing or otherwise manipulation of the rock crab where sex or width cannot be readily determined is prohibited.

THIS SCHEDULE IS PART OF YOUR LICENCE AND MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCE.

SCHEDULE B

SPECIES AT RISK LOGBOOK

A. GENERAL INFORMATION										
Licence Holder's Name :			V.R.N. or V.I.N.:		Licence Number :			Directed Species :		
B. LOG INFORMATION – BY-CATCH AND DISCARDS										
Species at Risk -Mandatory Reporting										
Date MM/DD/ YYYY	Position Latitude Longitude (DD mm ss)	Spotted Wolffish		Northern Wolffish		Leatherback Turtle		White Shark		Comments
		# of specimens	Condition Alive = A Dead = D	# of specimens	Condition Alive = A Dead = D	# of specimens	Condition Alive = A Dead = D	# of specimens	Condition Alive = A Dead = D	
☐ No species at risk were caught during the fishing activities										
C. OPERATOR'S SIGNATURE (licence holder/operator or authorized representative) :										

SCHEDULE B

SPECIES AT RISK LOGBOOK – GULF REGION INSTRUCTIONS

This logbook is designed specifically for all licence holders/operators engaging in activities that may affect a wildlife species listed under the *Species at Risk Act** (SARA). *The species listed under the SARA that may be encountered during fishing activities conducted under this licence are specified in your licence conditions under the SARA clause.

Incidental interactions with a species at risk while carrying out any fishing activity under this licence are not considered to pose a threat to the survival or recovery of the listed species or to any part of its critical habitat or residence. Fishing activities are therefore permitted or exempted (s. 73, s. 75 and s. 83 (4) of the *Species at Risk Act*). However, conditions attached to this licence specify measures that must be taken to minimize the impact of fishing activities on the listed species. These conditions identify the requirement for licence holders to report any by-catch of such species by completing the logbook herein.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

All the information requested in this section must be filled in. This includes the licence holder's name, the Vessel Registration Number (V.R.N.) or the Vessel Identification Number (V.I.N.), the fishing licence number and what directed fishery is being conducted under the licence.

If you hold more than one fishing licence, you must complete one logbook for each licence.

B. LOGBOOK INFORMATION – BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENT AND RELEASE

It is essential that all of the logbook information be filled out clearly and completely. When incidents (by-catch or entanglement) occur, please fill in one line in the logbook to record details of the occurrence. The licence holder/operator must record the date (month-day-year) and the position (in latitude and longitude) of the incident occurrence.

For each species caught or entangled, provide the number of specimens and their condition upon release (alive or dead). Examples of properly completed logbooks (for situations where species at risk are encountered during fishing activities and for situations with no interactions) have been attached to these instructions for your reference.

C. OPERATOR'S SIGNATURE

Each logbook page must be signed by the licence holder/operator.

D. RETURN OF LOGBOOKS

The completed logbook must be returned even if there was no interaction with a species at risk under the authority of this fishing licence.

Logbooks must be returned no later than seven (7) calendar days after the closure of the fishing season to the following address:

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Statistics Division
P.O. Box 5030
Moncton NB, E1C 9B6**

Important note: The mandatory submission of this log book is intended to collect information about species protected under the *Species at Risk Act*. Your response to this requirement contributes to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' objective of providing optimal management options that will contribute to the recovery of species at risk while maintaining prosperous fishing activities.

SCHEDULE C

MARINE MAMMAL INTERACTION FORM

Protected B

Please fill out every section below. Once completed, this form must be submitted to DFO as per instructions on page 2.

<u>Interaction Information</u> Interaction Date: _____ Interaction Time: _____ Location: _____ Latitude: _____ Deg Min Longitude: _____ Deg Min	<u>Individual Observing the Information</u> Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Province: _____ Email: _____ Vessel: _____ Target Species: _____ Gear Type: _____	<u>Identifier</u> Logbook #: _____ Other: _____ <u>Gear Damage</u> Gear damage: ☐ yes or ☐ no Gear lost: ☐ Yes or ☐ No Cause: ☐ Known or ☐ Unknown Comments: _____
<u>Species (check one)</u> Dolphin / Porpoise ☐ Species code: _____ ☐ Unidentified Whale ☐ Species code: _____ ☐ Unidentified Seal / Sea Lion ☐ Species code: _____ ☐ Unidentified	<u>Incident type</u> ☐ Dead animal ☐ Live Stranding ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Entanglement ☐ Shooting _____ ☐ Collision ☐ Sick or Injured ☐ Harassment ☐ Depredation	
	<u>ID Confidence</u> ☐ Certain ☐ Probable ☐ Possible ☐ Uncertain	<u>Number of Animals</u> Min # _____ Max # _____ Best # _____
	<u>Body Length</u> ☐ <1m (<3 ft) ☐ 3-8m (10-25 ft) ☐ 1-1.5m (3-5 ft) ☐ 8-16m (25-50 ft) ☐ 1.5-2m (5-7 ft) ☐ 16-26m (50-80 ft) ☐ 2-3m (7-10 ft) ☐ >26m (>80 ft) ☐ Other: _____(m/ft)	
<u>Animal Condition</u> ☐ Appears Healthy ☐ Sick or Injured ☐ Dead ☐ Unknown		
<u>Support Material</u> ☐ Photos ☐ Video ☐ Sample ☐ Other		
<u>Description: (shape, colour, markings, behaviour)</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		
<u>Comments: (timeline, actions, people involved, etc)</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		

SCHEDULE C

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE MARINE MAMMAL INTERACTION FORM

As per the Fisheries General Regulations under the Fisheries Act, this reporting form must be completed immediately after any accidental contact between a marine mammal and a vessel or fishing gear.

The completed form must be sent to the following email address:

Email: DFO.NAT.InteractionsMM-InteractionsMM.NAT.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

The licence holder is required to report an incidental mortality or injury within 48 hours after the end of the fishing trip (even if an observer is on board). A separate report form is required for each incident, for each date, and for each location.

GOAL OF DATA COLLECTION

The information supplied on this form will be used by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to estimate levels of incidental mortalities and injuries to marine mammals. This information allows DFO to better assess the types of threats that may be affecting Canada's marine mammals and develop mitigation strategies. Certain information supplied on this form may be considered proprietary and therefore subject to data confidentiality restrictions of the Privacy Act.

SPECIES AND STOCK CODES FOR MARINE MAMMALS

Seals and sea lions and Otters	Dolphins and Porpoises	Toothed and baleen whales
100- Steller (northern) sea lion	047- Atlantic white-sided dolphin	002- North Atlantic right whale
101- California sea lion	049- Pacific white-sided dolphin	005- Gray whale
105- Northern (Pribilof) fur seal	053- Common dolphin	007- Fin whale
115- Harbor seal		010- Minke whale
116- Spotted seal	055- Grampus (Risso's) dolphin	011- Humpback whale
117- Ringed seal	058- Spotted dolphin	012- Sperm whale
121- Ribbon seal	060- Spinner dolphin	016- Beluga whale
124- Gray seal	061- Striped dolphin	038- False killer whale
	063- Northern right whale dolphin	039- Killer whale
129- Northern elephant seal	068- Harbor porpoise	221- Pilot whale
130- Bearded seal	072- Dall's porpoise	230- Beaked whale
131- Harp seal	235- Unidentified small cetacean	231- Bryde's whale
132- Hooded seal		
135 - Sea Otter		210- Unidentified baleen whale
204- Unidentified seal		
203- Unidentified sea lion		220- Unidentified toothed whale
Other Marine Mammals		
114- Walrus	135- Sea otter	

SCHEDULE D

LOST FISHING GEAR FORM

*Fields with asterisk are mandatory

PROTECTED when completed

Individual & Licence Information				
*Date of report (DD/MM/YYYY):				
*Name of fishing vessel operator:				
*FIN(Fisher Identification Number):				
*Licence Number:				
*VRN:				
*Region of licence issue:				
Lost Gear Information				
*Target Species:				
Complete below fields:				
GEAR type:				
☐ Trap / Pot ☐ Longline ☐ Net ☐ Other				
*Description of part of gear that was lost: (e.g. Nets, vertical lines, gear markers, anchor, etc.)				
*Number of units of gear lost: (if measured by feet, indicate number of units in feet. If nets, estimate length of net lost)				
*Estimated length of netting lost (in feet):				
*Estimated length of rope lost (in feet):				
Sequential number(s) of the tag(s) attached to the lost fishing gear(s): (if applicable)				
Description of buoy: (e.g. float, hi-flyer, colour etc.)				
**Last known position of the lost gear, (as accurate as possible. Use NAD 83: degrees, minutes, seconds)				
*Fishing Area:				
	Degree	Minutes	Seconds	The last date the gear was known to be at this location (DD/MM/YYYY):
*Latitude:				
*Longitude:				
** For coordinates, use Degrees Minutes Seconds (DMS):EXAMPLE42°45'30"N 62°32'45"W				
Forms must be sent electronically to DFO.AtlanticLostandRetrievedGearReporting_EnginsPerdusRecupe.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca				
If access to internet is not available, please mail forms to:				
Atlantic Lost and Retrieved Gear Reporting 343 Université Ave Room 320 Moncton, NB, E1C9B6				

SCHEDULE E

RETRIEVAL OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LOST FISHING GEAR FORM

*Fields with asterisk are mandatory

Individual & Licence Information				
*Date of report (DD/MM/YYYY):				
*Name of fishing vessel operator:				
*FIN(Fisher Identification Number):				
*Licence Number:				
*VRN:				
*Region of licence issue:				
Retrieved Gear Information				
*Date gear was reported lost (DD/MM/YYYY):				
*Target Species:				
*Gear type:				
*Was all lost gear retrieved (Y/N):	☐ Yes	☐ No		
If no, complete info below (mark 0 if not applicable)				
*Description of gear retrieved: (e.g. Nets, vertical line, etc)				
*Number of units of gear retrieved: (if measured by feet, indicate number of units in feet. If nets, estimate length of net retrieved in feet):				
Estimated length of rope retrieved in feet:				
Estimated length of netting retrieved in feet:				
Sequential number(s) of the tag(s) attached to the retrieved fishing gear(s):				
**Location of retrieval, (as accurate as possible. Use Nad 83: degrees, minutes, seconds)				
	Degree	Minutes	Seconds	*Date the gear was retrieved (DD/MM/YYYY):
*Latitude:				
*Longitude:				
** For coordinates, use Degrees Minutes Seconds (DMS):EXAMPLE42°45'30"N 62°32'45"W				
Forms must be sent electronically to DFO.AtlanticLostandRetrievedGearReporting_EnginsPerdusRecupe.MPO@dfo-mpc.gc.ca				
If access to internet is not available, please mail forms to:				
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PROTECTED when completed

SCHEDULE F

Report North Atlantic Right Whale sightings		Signalez les observations de baleines noires de l'Atlantique Nord
		
V-shape blow Souffle en forme de V	Y-shape black tail Queue noire en forme de Y	No dorsal fin White spots on head Pas de nageoire dorsale Taches blanches sur la tête
MAINTAIN A MINIMUM 100 METRE DISTANCE		GARDEZ UNE DISTANCE MINIMALE DE 100 MÈTRES
PLEASE PROVIDE: - Contact information - Date and time of sighting - Lat/Long coordinates - Number of Right Whales observed - Photos and/or videos (if possible)		SVP VEUILLEZ FOURNIR : - Vos coordonnées - Date et heure de l'observation - Coordonnées Lat./Long. - Nombre de baleines noires observées - Photos et/ou vidéos (si possible)
Sightings of live, free-swimming North Atlantic Right Whales must be reported to:		Les observations de baleines noires de l'Atlantique Nord vivantes et nageant librement doivent être signalées au :
Phone : 1-844-800-8568 Email: XMARwhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca		Téléphone : 1-844-800-8568 Courriel : XMARwhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Sightings of entangled, dead, or injured North Atlantic Right Whales must be reported to the following regional organizations:		Les observations de baleines noires de l'Atlantique Nord enchevêtrées, blessées ou mortes doivent être signalées aux organisations régionales suivantes :
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Marine Animal Response Society at 1-866-567-6277		Nouveau-Brunswick, Nouvelle-Écosse, Île-du-Prince-Édouard : Marine Animal Response Society au 1-866-567-6277
Quebec: Marine Mammal Emergencies at 1-877-722-5346		Québec : Urgences Mammifères Marins au 1-877-722-5346
Newfoundland and Labrador: Whale Release and Strandings at 1-709-895-3003		Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador : Whale Release and Strandings au 1-709-895-3003