

Disposal of End-of-Life Fishing Gear in Southwest Nova Scotia (LFA 33, 34 and 35)

Intent

This document outlines where end-of-life gear can be brought in Southwest Nova Scotia (LFA 33, 34 and 35 – NS Only), and the national reporting requirements.

Reporting Requirements for Lost and Retrieved Gear (*Licence Holders only*)

[Reporting lost and retrieved gear](#) to DFO is an important aspect of adhering to **license conditions**, and to contributing information on the state of ghost gear in the region. Reporting lost and retrieved gear will provide estimates on the amount of gear lost each year and how much remains at-sea. Additionally, reporting gear losses assists in large-scale ghost gear retrieval programs, as locating lost gear is currently a significant barrier to retrieval success.

All license holders are responsible for reporting lost gear to DFO within 24 hours of discovering gear has been lost or when arriving at port. This is done by submitting the [Lost fishing gear form](#) and can be completed by:

- 1) Completing the PDF and emailing it to: DFO.LostandRetrievedGear-EnginsPerdusRecupere.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. This option requires you to have the Adobe Reader application (or a similar program) on your device.
- 2) Printing, completing the form manually and emailing a scanned copy or a photo to: DFO.LostandRetrievedGear-EnginsPerdusRecupere.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- 3) Printing, filling in the form manually and mailing it to:
Lost and Retrieved Gear Reporting
343 Université Ave, Room 320
Moncton, NB
E1C 9B6

All license holders are also responsible to report any of their own **retrieved gear** that was previously reported as lost. This is done by completing the [Retrieval of previously reported lost fishing gear form](#) and submitting it in the same way as the *Lost fishing gear form* (see above instructions).

Tagged Traps (Shoreline Cleanups and Permitted At-Sea Retrieval Events)

Any tagged gear from 2018 onward, retrieved at-sea (permitting required) or below the high tide mark on shorelines, that is in usable condition must be reported to DFO via the Data Collection for Retrieval of Lost Fishing Gear form* and landed at one of the secured Small Craft Harbour compound facilities, as listed below:

LFA	Location	Address	Manager Name	Contact Number
33	Lower Sandy Point	46 Goodick Rd, Shelburn Co.	Richard Stewart	902-875-6841
34	East Sandy Cove	64 Wharf Road, Sandy Cove	Noel Fancy	902-497-9005
	Dennis Point	253 Dennis Point Road, Lower West Pubnico	Floyd d'Entremont	902-648-4629
35	Victoria Beach	24 Victoria Beach Road, Victoria Beach	Jonathan Taylor	902-526-0604

*For access to the Data Collection form, and further questions regarding reporting of lost gear, please [email DFO's Lost and Retrieved Gear Questions account](#).

Rope Recycling

As part of [Coastal Action's Ghost Gear Project](#), 10 rope recycling bins (Figure 1) have been installed at 9 wharves in Southwest Nova Scotia (Figure 2) as a pilot program to divert rope from moderate to high-impact disposal methods, such as landfilling, burning and illegal dumping. Clean polypropylene rope is suitable for recycling, and therefore collected rope can be recycled at [Sustane Technologies Inc.](#), in Chester, NS, for conversion into synthetic diesel.



Figure 1: Coastal Action rope recycling bin. Bins are repurposed intermediate bulk containers donated by Terrapure.

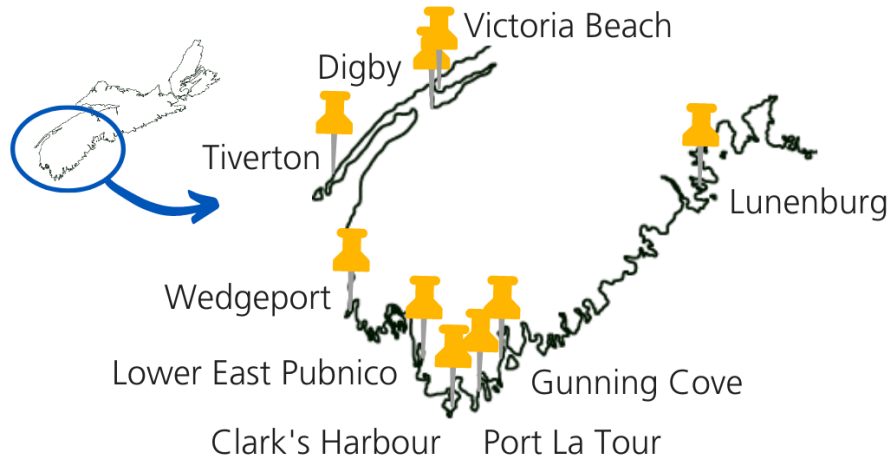


Figure 2: Map of rope recycling bin locations across Southwest Nova Scotia.

Specific addresses for rope recycling bin locations are provided below:

LFA	Location	Address	Contact Name	Contact Number
33	Lunenburg Railway Wharf	131 Bluenose Dr, Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0	Donna Knickel	902-521-3590
	Port La Tour	70 Commercial Street, Port Latour, B0W 3N0	Bill Malloy	902-875-6927
	Gunning Cove	27 Public Wharf Road, Shelburne, NS B0T 1W0		
34	Lower East Pubnico (2 bins)	Lower East Pubnico Wharf Rd, Lower East Pubnico, NS B0W 2A0	Danny Amirault	902-648-7015
	Tiverton	41-11 Boars Head Rd, Digby, NS B0V 1A0	Orlie Dixon	902-247-0769
	Clark's Harbour	67 Water Street, Clark's Harbour, NS B0W 1P0	Max Kenney	902-635-0634
	Wedgeport	142 Jacquard Rd, Wedgeport, NS B0W 3P0	Vernon Pothier	902-740-4738
35	Victoria Beach	24 Victoria Beach Rd., Granville, NS	Jonathan Taylor	902-526-0604
	Digby	150 Water St, Digby, NS B0V 1A0	Ed Chisholm	902-245-1867

Disposal Options

There are several waste resource management facilities in Southwest Nova Scotia that can properly dispose end-of-life gear. The list below indicates where these facilities are located and how gear should be handled.

All facilities accept traps, rope, crab pots, bait boxes, and some will also accept nets and other items such as buoys. Tipping fees vary depending on gear type, in addition to residency, and are subject to change. Contact the facility directly to confirm tipping fees at the time of disposal.

LFA	Facility	Address	Gear Preparation	Tipping Fees (\$/tonne)				
				Rope	Wire Traps	Wood Traps	Nets	Other Gear (bait boxes, buoys etc.)
33	Lunenburg Community Recycling Centre	908 Mullock Rd, Whynotts Settlement, B4V 5T9	Trap materials separated	\$150	\$150	\$115	\$150	\$150
	Kaizer Meadow Landfill	450 Kaizer Meadow Rd, Chester, BOJ 1J0	None	\$76.27	\$76.27	\$60	\$76.27	\$76.27
	Queens Municipal Landfill	3750 Nova Scotia Trunk 8, Caledonia, BOT 1B0	None	\$61.70	\$39.93	\$39.93	\$39.93	\$39.93
	Regional Material Recovery Facility	4571 Highway 3, West Green Harbour, BOW 3B0	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
34	Barrington C&D Disposal Site	1138 Clements Pond, Highway 103, Barrington, BOW 1E0	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park	1932 Hardscratch Rd, Yarmouth, BOW 3E0	None	\$128.5	\$10	NA	\$128.5	\$128.5
	Clare Transfer Station	919 Bonnie Rd, Meteghan, BOW 2K0	Trap ballasts removed	\$135	\$135	\$50	\$135	\$135
34/35	Digby Public Drop Off and Transfer Station	245 Upper Cross Rd, Seabrook, BOV 1A0	None	\$125	\$70	\$125	\$125	\$125
35	Western Management Centre	343 Elliot Rd, Lawrencetown, BOS 1M0	Trap materials separated	\$121	\$57 (\$121 with ballasts)	\$57 (\$121 with ballasts)	\$121	\$121
	Eastern Management Centre	100 Donald Hiltz Connector Rd, Kentville, B4N 3V7	Trap materials separated	\$121	\$57 (\$121 with ballasts)	\$57 (\$121 with ballasts)	\$121	\$121

Dragger Cable

There are several facilities in Southwest Nova Scotia that can properly dispose end-of-life dragger cable from trawlers. The list below indicates where these facilities are located, how cables should be prepared, and the price offered for recycling. Cash purchase prices are approximate and are subject to fluctuation based on market prices.

LFA	Facility	Address	Gear Preparation	Cash Purchase (\$/tonne)
33	Bridgewater Metals Industries (BMI) Limited	2232 NS-325, Bridgewater, NS B4V 0E8	Cut into 5 ft lengths; OR	\$120
			Full-length	\$70
	Region of Queens Waste Management Facility	3750 Nova Scotia Trunk 8, Caledonia, NS B0T 1B0	None	\$0
34	Yarmouth C&D Site	1932 Hardscratch Rd South Ohio, NS B0W 3E0	None	\$0
	Clare C&D Site	919 Bonnie Rd Meteghan Centre, NS B0W 2K0	None	\$0
	Saulnier's Scrap Yard	9790 Highway 1 Saulnierville, NS B0W 2L0	Cut into 5 ft lengths; OR	\$160
Neatly organized or in spools			\$100	
35	Fundy Auto Salvage	803 Highway 101, Digby, NS B0V 1A0	Cut into 5 ft lengths; OR	\$180
			Full-length	\$140

More information about Coastal Action's project and the impacts of ghost gear can be found at www.coastalaction.org/ghost-gear.

Questions about rope recycling and gear disposal? Email info@coastalaction.org or contact us through social media (Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @coastalaction).