
Fishing Gear Loss Prevention and Claim Procedure

FISHING GEAR CONFLICT CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Equinor recognizes the possibility of offshore wind activity and commercial fishing gear encounters and conflicts. However, with proper communication and training, there will be limited gear interactions in connection with the installation and operation of our offshore wind farms. In the event there is gear loss or damage caused by, or resulting from developer activities, we have provided a claim/damage procedure below.

Prevention methods should be followed by all parties. Equinor reserves the right to request additional information to support review of a claim.

FILING A CLAIM

A fisherman who experiences gear loss/damage that they believe was a result of Equinor's activities (surveys, cable laying, construction vessels) should complete the attached gear loss application form and submit it to the appropriate Fisheries Liaison from the lease area where the loss/damage occurred (chart and contact information below).

To submit a claim, an applicant must contact Equinor's Fisheries Liaison(s) and notify him/her of the incident as soon as safe and practical via cell/text/email, as well as provide a complete, legible, executed application form within 30 days of the incident. Fisheries Liaisons are available to assist with the application form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

CLAIM REVIEW

Claims will be reviewed and processed as quickly as possible by Equinor's Fisheries Liaison in consultation with the team of Fishing Representatives.

A written explanation of the decision will be provided to the Applicant within 30 days of receipt of a completed claims application form. If the claim is approved, a check will be provided to the Applicant.

CLAIM INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY FISHERMAN

Date of incident:

Time of day, weather conditions (optional):

Location of gear loss/damage:

A. Lat/Long:

B. Photo of chart plotter/vessel tracks:

Gear description - Markings /polyballs, highflyers:

Offshore wind vessels in the area, other vessel activity:

When was the last time gear was set and hauled?

Was any of the gear retrieved?

How many longlines, traps, pots, trawls, highflyers, etc. are lost/damaged?

Invoice for replacement gear or gear repair (must be substantially similar to gear that was lost/damaged)

Remaining questions only need to be completed if claiming lost fishing time:

Description of normal fishing activity / fishing gear configuration

Date of loss:

Date of replacement:

Proof of fish landing history through VTR, sales slip, or similar type of documentation:

Tag replacement application/receipt, both state and federal if applicable:

By submitting this Application, Applicant authorizes Equinor to make whatever reasonable inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my application and request for compensation.

Applicant understands that submitting this Application does not guarantee payment. Applicant further agrees that if this claim is accepted and paid in its entirety, that acceptance of such payment constitutes full, final and complete payment for this particular claim and that neither developer nor any of its affiliates shall have any further outstanding or ongoing obligation with respect to this specific claim and Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, assert any claim, or commence, join in, prosecute, participate in, or fund any part of, any suit or other proceeding of any kind against developer or any of its affiliates, based upon this specific claim. If a claim is denied in part, Applicant may accept payment for the undisputed part without waiving Applicant's right to appeal the disputed part of the claim. Applicant recognizes that submission of this Application does not affect Applicant's rights concerning matters other than those specifically identified in this specific Application.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Application is true and correct.

Signature:

Date:

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