



Notice to PEI LFA 26A Fishers

## **CAPTAINS/VESSELS FOR HIRE**

The PEIFA is seeking two Captains for the 2023 LFA 26A Fisherman's Bank Gear Retrievals.

Duties include assisting in the gear retrieval activities in priority areas within Fisherman's Bank. Participants will use their own personal grappelling equipment for the purpose of locating lost fishing gear. Captains will be provided with a section 52 permit, which will allow gear to be taken on board and moved to designated wharves and secure storage. Captains need to be within a one-hour sail time of the Fishermen's Bank area, or travel/docking fees outside of that are at the Captains expense. Gear retrieval will take place on the 2 best weather days following the herring fishery mid-October to mid-November (exact dates to be discussed based on confirmation from DFO). Captains will need to sign a contract with the PEIFA and provide proof of marine insurance. Two crew members will also be required per vessel. Captains will be required to fill out basic log sheet information for each trip and for gear retrieved. Payment for Captains will be an all-inclusive rate of \$300/hour for 12 hours, including fuel, crew wages, etc.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Registration dates: Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Fee: No fee to register

How to register: Online or by phone. The online link is [www.peifa.org](http://www.peifa.org) and click the tab "LFA 26A Fisherman's Bank Gear Retrievals" to enter registration information. To register by phone, call the PEIFA @ 902-566-4050.

Draw: A draw of qualified applicants will be made if more than 2 people apply.

Registrations after 4:30 pm, Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will NOT be accepted.

For more details on the requirements of the project, please visit [www.peifa.org](http://www.peifa.org) or contact Kelsey MacDonald 902-330-3891 or Laura Ramsay at 902-393-2281.

The following are a list of details/qualifications for the participants in the LFA 26A Fisherman's Bank Gear Retrieval:

- The goal of the project is to perform a focused grapnel survey and gear retrieval activity of priority areas for the purpose of retrieving lost, abandoned, and discarded fishing gear in PEI coastal environments after the spring lobster fishing season.
- Captain must be reliable and experienced in grappling for gear.
- Captain must have their own grappling equipment. There are a limited number of grappling units available from the PEIFA for use for the project which Captain's can request.
- Captain must be available for the 2 best weather days dates are to be determined.
- The vessel needs to meet all standard Transport Canada requirements.
- The Captain requires third-party liability insurance on their vessel (in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence on their vessel).
- The vessel is attached to the license and must remain the same for the duration of the project – the fisher cannot be active in any fisheries during the retrieval dates.
- The Captain will be required to sign a contract with the PEIFA, agreeing to the a) protocol outlined by DFO's Ghost Gear Fund and the DFO Section 52 permit, b) rate of pay, and c) insurance. • Captains will need to provide at least 2 crew members, always ensuring the safety of all those on board.
- Captain must be willing to work closely with project staff including providing valuable feedback and troubleshooting throughout the project. A detailed log sheet will need to be completed and submitted for each trip.
- A draw of qualified applicants will be made if more than 2 captains apply.
- A rate of \$300/hour will be paid for services under this project with the aim of 12-hours at sea per day. This would be an all-inclusive price to the Captain including 2 crew, fuel, docking fees, insurance, etc.
- Captain is required to be within one-hour of sail time to the designated gear retrieval area particularly for Day 1 of retrieval activity. Sail time beyond that one-hour timeframe will be at the Captain's expense. Any docking fees associated with the project are also at the Captain's expense). If Captain is asked to relocate during the gear retrieval activities (Day 1 or 2), travel time will be covered by the program upon approval of the project coordinator.

