

PEI FISHERS REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:

******Importance of reporting to DFO:*** Canada is data poor in regards to understanding marine mammal interactions. Better data is required to improve mitigation measures.

WHAT TO REPORT?	REASON FOR REPORTING	CONTACT INFORMATION
ALL WHALES, INCLUDING NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE: <i>ALIVE AND FREE SWIMMING</i>	These are being reported to DFO to collect data on distribution patterns of the NARW.	1-844-800-8568 or by email: xmarwhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
ALL WHALES, INCLUDING NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE: <i>ENTANGLED, DEAD OR INJURED</i>	These are being reported to the Marine Animal Response Society (PEI, NS and NB) and to the Canadian Coast Guard to collect data as well as ensure an attempt can be made to save the whale.	1-866-567-6277 (Marine Animal Response Society) OR Channel 16 on VHF (Canadian Coast Guard)
SPECIES AT RISK (<i>Atlantic Wolffish, Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Harbour Porpoise, North Atlantic Right Whale, White Shark</i>)	This is a continuation from previous years for reporting bycatch of any species at risk. Reporting is required in the Species at Risk Logbook (in conditions) when bycatch of the species or entanglement occurs). To be completed and returned even if there was no (0) interactions with species at risk. Logbooks must be returned no later than 7 calendar days after the closure of the fishery	Fisheries and Oceans Canada Statistics Division PO Box 5030 Moncton, NB E1C 9B6
MARINE MAMMAL INTERACTION FORM (<i>seal, whale, porpoise, dolphin</i>)	This is new in 2018 and is related to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This is NOT a result of the NARWs appearance in 2017. This form must be completed immediately following lethal and non-lethal marine mammal interactions during a fishing trip. These interactions include bycatch, collision and all sightings of marine mammals entangled in fishing gear. Reporting an incidental mortality or injury is required within 48 hours after the end of the fishing trip (even if there is an observer onboard). A separate form is required for each incident.	Forms to be emailed to DFO: DFO.NAT.InteractionsMM-interactionsMM.NAT.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST GEAR	This is new in 2018. The following information shall be declared by email within 72 hours of noticing that the gear has been lost: a) sequence number of tag attached to the trap that has been lost; b) vessel registration number (or in the case of Aboriginal licence conditions: vessel identification number) and the identification number written on the primary buoy c) latitude and longitude of last known position of lost trap; and d) date the trap was last fished.	Emailed to DFO: DFO.GLF.Gear-Engins.GLF.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca *A portion of this information is reported to the PEIFA as a requirement to receive replacement tags. It is NOT the PEIFA's responsibility to report to DFO.