



Fishing Gear Conflict Claims Procedure

Equinor recognizes the possibility of offshore wind activity and commercial fishing gear encounters and conflicts. However, with proper and proactive communication, gear conflicts and interaction can be limited in connection with the development and operation of our offshore wind farms. In the event there is gear loss or damage caused by, or resulting from its activities, Equinor has provided a claim 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 should complete the gear loss application form and submit it to Equinor's Fisheries Liaison from the lease area where the loss/damage occurred (chart and contact information below).

To submit a claim, the Applicant must:

Contact Equinor's Fisheries Liaison and notify him/her of the incident as soon as safe and practical via cell/text/email. Provide a complete, legible, executed application form within 30 days of the incident. Equinor's Fisheries Liaison is available to assist with the application form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Claim Review

Claims will be reviewed and processed by Equinor's Fisheries Liaison and project team members in consultation with the team of fishing industry representatives. Equinor currently collaborates with the following organizations to provide representation to their members and will be invited to participate in claim reviews: Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island, and New Bedford Port Authority. Should additional fishing industry representatives be contracted by Equinor, they will be invited to participate in claim reviews.

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.

Gear Claim Application

1. Date of incident:
2. Time of day, weather conditions:
3. Location of gear loss/damage:
 - A. Lat/Long
 - B. Photo of chart plotter/vessel tracks
4. Gear description - Markings /polyballs, highflyers:
5. Offshore wind vessels in the area, other vessel activity:
6. When was the last time gear was set and hauled?
7. Was any of the gear retrieved?
8. How many gillnets, pots, highflyers, trawl, doors, ground cables, scissor legs, etc. are lost/damaged?

Attachments to include

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:

Gear Claim Application

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

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Equinor Fisheries Liaison

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Fisheries Liaison

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Empire Wind 1 Project Area Coordinates:

Point	Latitude WGS84 (degrees minutes)	Longitude WGS84 (degrees minutes)	LORAN9960X	LORAN9960Y
1	40° 11.4140' N	073° 12.8628' W	26584.04	43507.38
2	40° 12.3128' N	073° 15.0953' W	26605.31	43518.46
3	40° 21.9180' N	073° 36.5904' W	26790.2	43628.19
4	40° 23.4028' N	073° 34.5861' W	26778.55	43642.6
5	40° 18.6769' N	073° 07.3058' W	26554.98	43569.94
6	40° 17.8142' N	073° 04.1532' W	26529.52	43558.52

