NSW DPI Commercial Fisheries
Monthly Lost/Found Gear Record

NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

FB. Number	FB. Owner Name	FB. Owner Registration No.

Month	Year

Note: Completing a Lost/Found Gear Record does not authorise a fisher to interfere with fishing gear unless authorised to do so by a Fisheries Officer.

Day	Lost (L) Found (F) [1]	Area of Gear Loss/Find [2]	Endorsement Code (For Lost Gear Only) [3]	Gear Type/Method Code [4]	Effort Unit [5]	Fisher Details on Found Gear [6]	DFO Notified (Including Date and Time of Notification)[7]	Additional Comments [8]

[1] **Lost (L) Found (F)**: Record whether you have lost the gear with an 'L', or found the gear with an 'F'.

[2] **Area of Gear Loss/Find**: Record this in the same format as your catch return (Grid / Site Code, Estuary Code etc...).

[3] **Endorsement Code (For Lost Gear Only)**: If you are recording gear you have lost, include the endorsement code that you were fishing under when the gear was lost. Do not fill this out if you are recording gear you have found.

[4] **Gear Type/Method Code**: Record the gear type found or lost as per the method codes used on your catch returns.

[5] **Effort Unit**: Record the unit of effort for the gear lost or found. For example, if you find traps, specify the number. If you find net, specify the length of net in metres (m). If you find line, specify approximately the number of hooks.

[6] **Fisher Details on Found Gear:** If you have found gear and the gear did not originally belong to you, specify any details that may be recorded on the gear (for example a FB number or fisher name written on a trap or float).

[7] **DFO Notified (Including Date and Time of Notification):** Record the name of the fisheries office that was notified of the lost/found gear and the date and time the office was notified.

[8] **Additional Comments:** Record any additional information or observations in this column related to the gear that has been lost or found (e.g. was there any marine life entanglements, evidence of ghost fishing etc…)

Please return original to: Fisheries Business Services, Locked Bag 6, Cronulla NSW 2230.
Retain duplicate for your own records. New forms are available from your local fisheries office or by calling Fisheries Business Services on 1300 720 662 or download the form from the DPI website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Fishing Business Owner /
Authorised Fisher Signature _____ DATE: |_|_|_|_|_|_|