

CLAIM PROCESS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO FISHING GEAR RESULTING FROM SURVEY ACTIVITY

Claim Filing Process

RWE and Vineyard Offshore have established the following process for persons seeking compensation for loss or damage to fishing gear as the result of one of the Company’s offshore survey activities (e.g., survey activity within the respective lease areas or potential export cable corridors). Below is an overview of the claim process, along with the forms to be completed. These instructions and all associated forms will be available on each Company’s website prior to the start of any offshore survey activity. If an Applicant has questions about this process or feels there are special circumstances relating to their claim, please contact the respective Company’s Fisheries Liaison. The Fisheries Liaisons can also assist Applicants with identifying the appropriate Company with which to file a claim.

This claim filing process is designed specifically for fishing gear interactions that occur during the site assessment phase of this project. This process is intended to provide a fair, efficient, and timely process for addressing lost or damaged gear. The gear loss claims process will be reviewed and updated as appropriate in consultation with the fishing industry in advance of the construction and operations phases of the project.

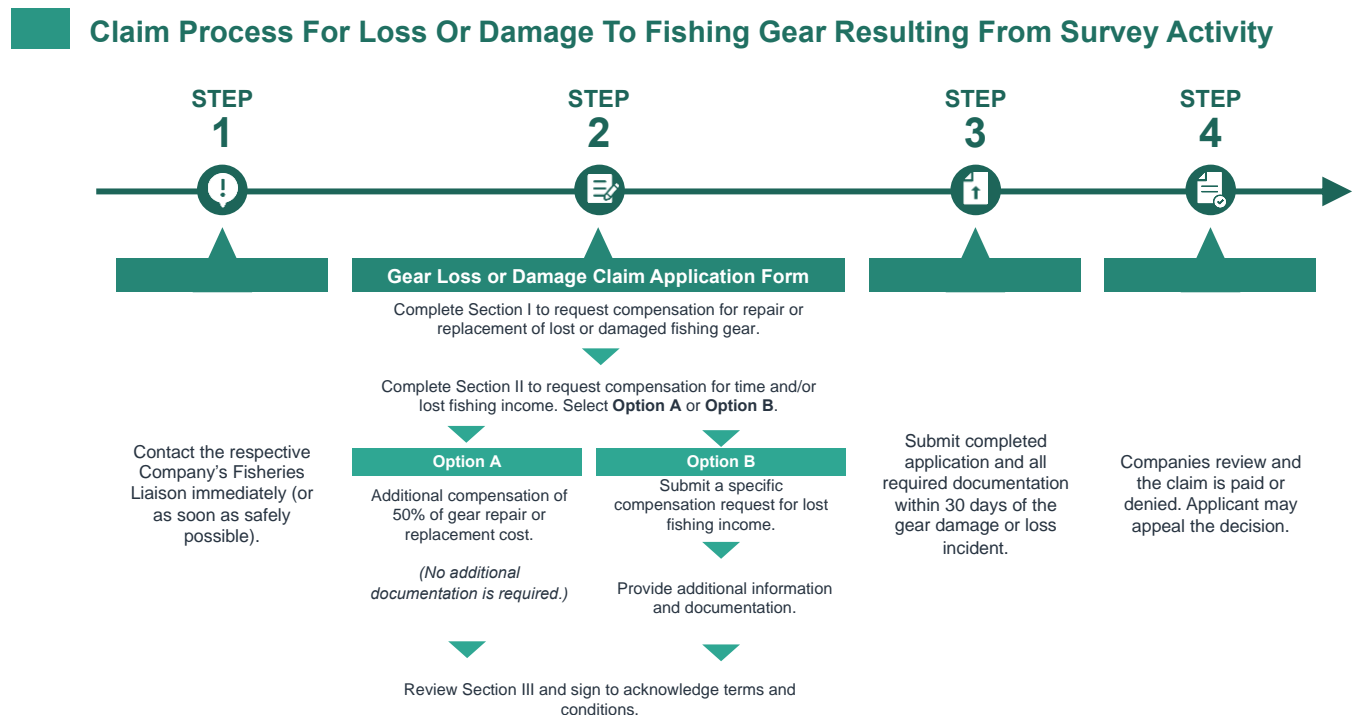


Figure 1. Claim Process for Loss or Damage to Fishing Gear

STEP 1: Contact the respective Company's Fisheries Liaison

If a person experiences gear damage or loss as a result of one of the Company's offshore survey activities, they should contact the respective Company's Fisheries Liaison by phone or email immediately or as soon as safely possible to notify them of the gear damage or loss incident. Prompt notification of gear damage or loss is an important first step in an efficient claims process.

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Additionally, if a fishing gear interaction is observed by the captain or crew of a survey vessel contracted to the Companies, the OFL or client representative will immediately notify the Company's Fisheries Liaison and report the gear interaction using a Survey Fishing Gear Incident Form. This notification and documentation process for survey vessels is intended to support an expedited claims process in the event of a gear interaction.

STEP 2: Complete claim application form

- Complete Section I of the Gear Loss or Damage Claim Application Form to request compensation for repair or replacement of lost or damaged fishing gear and provide supporting documentation.
- Complete Section II of the application form to select the option for additional compensation for time/lost income directly associated with the gear loss event.
 - Option A is an additional settlement of 50% of the cost of the gear repair or replacement to compensate for time and/or lost income associated with the gear event for approved claims. Option A is an expedited process and does not require additional documentation.
 - Option B allows individuals to submit a specific claim for actual, documented lost fishing net income directly associated with the gear loss or damage event. Option B is a more detailed process and requires additional information and time to review and process the claim.
- Complete Section III, which involves reviewing the terms and conditions associated with filing a claim and signing the application form.

STEP 3: Submit completed application within 30 days of the gear damage or loss incident

- Submit a complete, signed application form along with all supporting documents to the respective Company's Fisheries Liaison. The completed application and all attachments must be submitted within 30 days of the gear damage or loss incident. Submission via email is preferred; however, submission in-person or by mail can also be accommodated. Refer to the application checklist to ensure the application is complete.
- If it is not feasible for an Applicant to submit their claim within 30 days of the gear damage or loss incident, please contact the respective Company Fisheries Liaison. Exemptions to the deadline will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To be granted an extension, an Applicant must demonstrate why filing the claim within 30 days of the incident was not feasible.

STEP 4: Review and acceptance or denial of claims

Once received, a claim application will be reviewed by the Company's Fisheries Liaison and a representative from the Company receiving the claim. The Companies may consult with additional experts to review gear loss claim applications. All Applicants will be notified of the result of the review, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of an application. Applications involving unique circumstances or complex documentation may require additional time to review.

- If the claim is approved, payment will be provided to the Applicant (via check or electronic deposit via Automated Clearing House (ACH) as soon as possible following the written decision to approve the claim.
- If the claim is denied, a written explanation of the decision will be provided to the Applicant.
- If the claim is approved in part and denied in part, a written explanation of the decision will be provided to the Applicant regarding the portion of the claim denied. (A partial approval could occur if the Company finds valid and approves the gear loss portion of the claim included in Section I, but finds unsubstantiated and denies the lost fishery net income portion the claim included in Section II, Option B.)
- If an application is incomplete the Company may request submission of the missing information or documentation before making a decision and taking one of the actions listed above.

Applicants who disagree with a decision may file a written notice of appeal with the Company. The Company may elect to engage or consult with a third party or external reviewers to review the application on appeal. The Company will review and consider the appeal, including the input from third party review, if any, and provide the Applicant a written decision. The Company may also engage independent experts from the fishing industry to participate in the review. The Company is committed to the timely resolution of appeals and will notify the applicant as soon as the result of the appeal is available. The decision by the Company on appeal will be final and not subject to any further right of appeal within the Company.

In general, an Applicant may not file multiple claims for gear loss in the same area within the same phase of development (e.g., survey activity, construction, operation, decommissioning). Prevention methods should be followed by all parties. Any repeat claims will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the expectation of reasonable prevention methods being followed.

The Companies reserve the right to request additional information to support review of a claim.

Gear loss claim example, Option A (expedited option)

A captain has a gear loss incident as a direct result of one of the Company's offshore activities. The captain files a \$2,000 claim for replacement of the lost gear (Section I). The captain includes a \$2,000 quote from the local marine supply store for new gear, along with documentation of the time and location of the gear loss. In Section II of the claim form, the captain selects Option A for additional compensation for time and/or lost revenue associated with the gear event. Option A automatically allows compensation equal to 50% of the gear repair or replacement cost for approved claims, or \$1,000 in this example. The captain signs Section III and submits the form and supporting documentation. After the Company's review, the claim is verified and approved, and the captain is compensated \$3,000 for the gear loss event.

Cost of replacing lost gear	\$2,000
Additional 50% compensation (Option A for time/lost income)	\$1,000
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Total amount for approved claim	\$3,000