



**FORM "A"**  
**TO BE COMPLETED BY ANYONE**  
**WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL**

**Names of individuals making the presentation:**

Michael Ernst, possibly Zack Green or Al Munroe from Titan Maritime, Mahone Bay

**Points to be made:**

Discuss with Council the Federal Government's Ghost Gear Fund

**Purpose and any requests that may be forthcoming from the presentation:**

That Council consider writing a letter to support the continuance of the fund after March 31, 2022.

**Please attach a copy of your written or power point presentation.**

Slide package attached, along with information for inclusion in the Council agenda package

**Time requested for presentation:** 30 minutes - 10 to 12 minutes for the presentation, additional time for questions. Titan Maritime has done work in the Municipality of Barrington under the Fund. Council may have questions

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- Will you require a projector and computer for your presentation ?**  
Hope to do this virtually.

**NOTE: Individuals or groups making presentations are required to address their comments and questions to the Chair of the Meeting only. No decision will be made at the same meeting as your presentation.**

To Warden Nickerson and Council, Municipality of Barrington

The aim of our presentation at your Council meeting is to discuss the Federal Ghost Gear Fund, formally known as the **Sustainable Fisheries Solutions and Retrieval Support Contribution Programme. (SFSRSCP)**

Since the Fund's inception in 2019, \$16.7 million in funding has been distributed to support 49 projects on Atlantic/Pacific Coasts, and Internationally.

In September 2021 our Mahone Bay company, Titan Maritime, was granted monies by the Federal government to remove abandoned Ghost Gear. Our trained crew acted on this opportunity at short notice, as they had already identified potential sites.

Under SFSRSCP guidelines, removal of Ghost Gear finished on November 30, 2021 and all funding terminates on March 31, 2022.

Our presentation has two objectives. First is to explain the techniques for locating and removing Ghost Gear, and discuss its negative impact on the marine environment.

The second objective has two parts.

Initially we request that Council write a letter to the Hon. Joyce Murray, Federal Fisheries Minister, supporting the continuance of this initial two year fund.

Ideally though, a longer term would allow:

- an opportunity to locate and collect a significant amount of the Ghost Gear
- the proper training of staff
- a return on equipment investment for Ghost Gear collection
- the founding of strong research and education programmes
- the establishing of a recycling program

Secondly, we ask Council to encourage Lunenburg residents to pick up and recycle litter that they find when visiting coastal areas. Removal of shore line litter can contribute significantly to protecting marine life, and keeping our oceans clean.

Abandoned, Lost, and Discarded Fishing Gear not only affects the health of our tidal waters, but can also have an impact on the livelihood of many residents who rely on the fishing industry in our coastal communities.

It is common knowledge that Municipal Government is the level most responsive to its residents. Thank you for the opportunity to make this presentation.

*Titan Maritime*

## For more information please visit-

Govt. of Canada 'Ghost Gear Fund' site explains the Ghost Gear Fund in detail and identifies projects funded in Canada and abroad.

<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/management-gestion/ghostgear-equipementfantome/program-programme/projects-projets-eng.html>

Ghost Gear Recycling programme, Ocean Legacy Foundation  
Canada's First 'Marine Debris Solutions Centre™'!

<https://oceanlegacy.ca/marine-debris-solutions-centre/>

[www.facebook.com/TitanMaritime/](http://www.facebook.com/TitanMaritime/) for more photos and videos of Ghost Gear work carried out by Titan Maritime.

## Ghost Gear Removal carried out by Titan Maritime

Abandoned aquaculture site gear  
retrieved at North West Cove,  
St.Margarets Bay, 55,000lb of nets and  
traps recovered



200 lobster traps recovered in the  
Tusket Islands area.



Approximately 15,000 lbs of  
Polypropylene lines and nets  
removed from derelict trawlers in  
Bridgewater and recycled.



## Services Include ...

- Ocean Research Charters
- Consultation Services on Marine Research, Ocean Technology, Operations, Project Management
- Environmental Clean Up, Impact Assessments and Remediation
- Hydrographic/Bathymetric Surveying/Side Scan Sonar operations
- Commercial Diving and Underwater operations
- Salvage and Recovery including Grappling
- Support to Govt. Agencies
- Engine Maintenance
- ROV Surveys and Recovery
- Aquaculture Support Services
- Delivery to Island and Remote Locations



**Our team includes Master Mariners** (over 100 years of sea time)  
**Certified Divers, Surveyors, ROV Operators and Hydrographer.**

**Since September 2021 the location  
and retrieval of Ghost Gear**

# What is Ghost Gear ?



**ALDFG -**

**Abandoned, Lost or otherwise  
Discarded Fishing Gear**

# **Government of Canada**

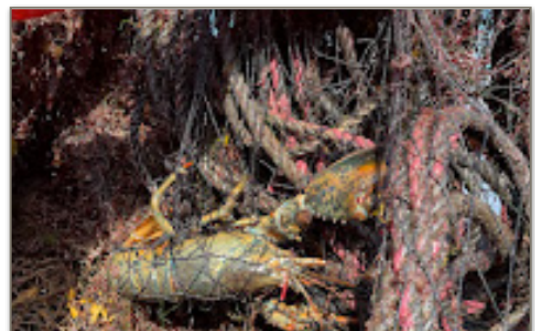
## **Ghost Gear Recovery Fund**

**(formal name Sustainable Fisheries Solutions and Retrieval Support Contribution Programme)**

- **Since its inception in 2019, the \$16.7 million fund was allocated to 49 projects on Atlantic, Pacific coasts and Internationally**

**4 Components**

- Ghost gear retrieval**
- Responsible disposal**
- Technology Development**
- International Leadership**



**Ghost Gear keeps on fishing indefinitely, causing entanglement of marine species that can lead to injury and death.**

We ask that Council consider...

- writing a letter to the Federal Government encouraging continuance of the Ghost Gear Fund

### **Long Term...**

- ask residents to assist in the clean up of local shoreline areas, and when possible recycle the items collected
- encourage the responsible disposal of Ghost Gear through coordination at all levels of government, industry and other parties

**Thank you for your time and consideration of these requests.**

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