

## **REPLY FORM**

### **Fishing Policy Consultation:**

### **Classification Units by Gear Type**

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this consultation is to get your feedback on a proposed solution to improve how the WCB collects assessment and prevention information about the fishing industry. So far, most stakeholders have moderately supported the proposal. However, if you have other proposed solutions, we encourage you to share your suggestions in this reply form.

Please refer to the attached consultation paper on classification units by gear type when completing your answers. If you require more space for your comments, feel free to attach extra pages.

#### **II. PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION UNITS**

The WCB has developed six classification units as a means to collect more useful assessment and prevention information about the fishing industry.

- i) Dive
- ii) Gillnet and Troll
- iii) Longline and Trap
- iv) Seine
- v) Trawl
- vi) Miscellaneous/Other

We recognize that you may have other suggestions for how the fishing classification unit should be split up and provide space on pages 3 and 4 for you to share your ideas. For now, we'd like your thoughts on the six categories under consideration.

1. In your opinion, what gear types should be included or excluded in these categories?  
(Please write your suggestions in columns A and B below)

<b>Proposed Classification Unit Title</b>	<b>A Fishing Gear to Include</b>	<b>B Fishing Gear to Exclude</b>
i) Dive	<i>(for example) SCUBA</i>	<i>(for example) traps</i>
ii) Gillnet and Troll		
iii) Longline and Trap		
iv) Seine		
v) Trawl		
vi) Miscellaneous/Other		

### III. LEVEL OF SUPPORT

Now, we'd like to find out your level of support for the general concept of creating new classification units by gear type — this means in general, not necessarily the six proposed categories presented on pages 1 and 2.

2. In general, do you agree with the proposal to create several smaller classification units on the basis of gear type? *(Please circle the number of your answer)*

1 no → **go to question 4**  
2 yes

3. If yes, in your opinion, are the six proposed classification units presented on pages 1 and 2 feasible categories for grouping similar hazard fishing operations?

1 no  
2 yes

4. If you answered **NO** to question #2, please explain why the WCB should not create several classification units on the basis of gear type? *(If you answered YES, then skip to question #5)*

5. The WCB welcomes other ideas for new classification units. Can you suggest other classification unit headings? *(Please include your reasons)*

#### IV. COMMENTS

6. Do you have any other comments on the proposal to create new classification units by gear type in the fishing industry?

#### V. GENERAL INFORMATION

*Finally, we'd like to find out a bit about you<sup>1</sup> to determine whether we've received responses from a broad range of stakeholders.*

7. Which category best describes you? (*Circle all that apply*)

- 1 commercial fish harvester
- 2 fish buyer
- 3 union representative (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 representative of a professional association or fishing organization (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Policy Development Consultative Committee representative
- 6 Employers' Forum to WCB
- 7 WCB staff (*specify department*) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this reply form. Your assistance is appreciated and will assist the WCB in improving its assessment and prevention activities in the fishing industry.*

**Please return your completed reply form by April 14, 2000**

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Thank you for your participation in this consultation.

<sup>1</sup> Please note, the identities of people responding on their own behalf will be kept confidential according to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. The identities of organizations, and those responding on behalf of organizations, may be released under FIPPA.