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Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada (FGCAC)
Southdale RPO, P.O. Box 50005
Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4S2

Dear Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada,

I am writing this letter in support of the FGCAC's End-of-life Fishing Gear Management Project (proposal titled "*End-of-life Fishing Gear Management Feasibility Study in Nova Scotia Municipalities for Lobster Wire Traps*").

Atlantic Canadian and eastern Québec fisheries need to use large amounts of fishing gear (e.g., rope, lobster traps, crab pots, nets, etc.) to fish safely and successfully. When their fishing gear is at its 'end-of-life' (no longer safe and/or useful for fishing, due to damage or wear and tear), fish harvesters in these regions do not all have a sustainable solution to dispose of such materials. Since July 2020, the FGCAC's project has focused on creating a management program for recycling end-of-life wire lobster traps in Nova Scotia that is accessible, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible.

The FGCAC's proposed feasibility study, in partnership with Nova Scotia Municipalities, will remove stockpiles of wire lobster traps, confirm facility infrastructure, solidify logistics, and ultimately determine more accurate cost estimates. These results will help support implementing an end-of-life fishing gear management program for pilots across Atlantic Canada and Québec for wire lobster traps.

The results of this worthwhile project will fully support 3,434 fish harvesters in Nova Scotia to responsibly dispose of their end-of-life wire lobster traps, helping municipalities with the necessary resources to manage all collection and recycling needs.

As a municipal partner of the FGCAC's "End-of-life Fishing Gear Management Feasibility Study in Nova Scotia Municipalities for Lobster Wire Traps", I plan to allocate <# hour(s) monthly> to this project's efforts via participation in calls and emails to help coordinate project activities and offer additional support where needed, valued at <\$\$\$\$> in-kind. In addition, our municipality is prepared to provide a \$\$\$\$ cash contribution to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

<Supporter Signature>

<Supporter Name>

<Supporter Title>