



Fishing for Energy: Becoming a Bin Host

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ABOUT NFWF

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Derelict crab traps collected in Mississippi

Fishing for Energy, a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program, Covanta, and Schnitzer Steel, provides commercial fishermen with no-cost solutions to dispose of derelict and retired fishing gear. Every year marine species, from lobsters and fish to sea lions and birds, become trapped or entangled in lost, abandoned, or discarded fishing gear. By keeping this gear out of our waters, Fishing for Energy protects and restores the quality of marine and coastal habitats and supports the communities and industries that rely on these resources.

BIN PROGRAM

The Fishing for Energy program provides grant funding to facilitate the collection and proper disposal of retired and derelict commercial fishing gear for recycling, upcycling, and/or for energy conversion by providing collection bins at ports across the United States. The grants allow commercial fishermen to meet their disposal costs and then are eligible for renewal, based on the performance of the bin location.



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HOW TO TO BECOME A BIN HOST

1. DETERMINE IF YOUR PORT IS ELIGIBLE

Geography: Must be in, or serving, a U.S. coastal community.

Entities: Non-profit 501(c) organizations, state or territorial government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal governments and organizations, educational institutions, or ports (please note: ports are the only for-profit entity eligible to participate).

2. IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING

1) Target fishing community: Identify the community that the Fishing for Energy bin will serve, the type of gear that this fishing community uses and needs to be disposed of, the need for and interest in the bin, and the proposed outreach plan.

2) Type of bin grant:

- *Existing:* For fishing communities with an active Fishing for Energy bin. Existing bins should plan to submit a proposal in response to the Request for Proposals released in the same year as when their existing award funds will be expended in order to prevent disruptions in service.
- *New:* To set up a new long-term Fishing for Energy bin at a location which has not previously been a participant in the program.
- *Event:* To set up a short-term Fishing for Energy bin for no longer than one month.

3) Bin location: What is the best location for gear collection taking into consideration space, access and convenience to the fishing community.

4) Security: Determine security needs such as signage, fencing, cameras, lockable lids, etc., for the bin in order to prevent cross-contamination with anything that isn't fishing gear.

5) Disposal plan: Develop a disposal plan that works for the fishing gear the fishing community uses. While disposal plans should attempt to dispose of as many of the fishing gear types within the community as possible, not all plans will be able to accommodate all gear types.

- *In Network:* Identify the [Covanta](#) or [Schnitzer Steel](#) location nearest to your bin. In many cases, gear is

first sorted at Schnitzer Steel for metals recycling, and the remaining non-recyclable material is converted into energy at Covanta locations, so please determine locations nearest the bin from both partners. Reach out to Kaity Goldsmith (kaitlin.goldsmith@nfwf.org) for initial determination if the facilities in the bin vicinity are able to accept fishing gear.

Note: This is not a formal approval of partner facility use, and formal approval of use of the partner facilities will occur through a proposal submission and review process.

- *Out of Network:* A bin host may form its own partnerships with recyclers, upcyclers, and/or waste-to-energy facilities to best serve its community's needs. Fishing for Energy can provide a list of some, but not all, of these options upon request (email kaitlin.goldsmith@nfwf.org). If you are a recycler interested in being added to this list, more information is available [here](#).

Note: The logistics plan chosen (e.g., In or Out of Network) does NOT impact competitiveness.

Applicants should develop the disposal plan that is most appropriate for their community.

6) Hauler: Identify a partner to haul collected gear to the disposal location(s). Be sure that they understand the entire disposal plan and are prepared and legally eligible to transport the materials collected to the disposal location(s).

Note: For the grant application, quotes or emails from haulers or facilities demonstrating commitment are strongly encouraged.

3. APPLY!

Applications should include the above information, along with activity and outcome metrics to measure progress and success, budget, matching contributions, and any permits and/or approvals required for this project. Applicants must have a complete plan and outline of their costs in their proposal.

Help protect marine life and our important ocean habitats! See more details and information about annual application opportunities on the program website:

www.nfwf.org/programs/fishing-energy

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1 BEFORE YOU APPLY

CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Are you one of these entities?

- Non-profit 501(c) organization
- State or territorial government agency
- Local or municipal government
- Tribal government or organization
- Educational institution
- Port (the only for-profit entity eligible to participate)

NO

Not Eligible

NO

Geography

Will the bin be located in or serve a U.S. coastal community?

YES

ELIGIBLE

YES

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Target Fishing Community

Identify the community the bin will serve, the type of gear used by the fishing community that needs to be disposed of, the need for and interest in the bin, and the proposed outreach plan.

Disposal Plan

Develop a plan for recycling, upcycling, and/or waste-to-energy conversion that works for the gear the fishing community uses.

Hauler

Identify a partner to haul collected gear to the disposal location(s).

Bin Logistics

Determine the type of bin grant (existing, new, or event), location, and security needs.

2 APPLY

Applications should include all the research gathered, compiled into a complete plan with:

1. Outcome metrics to measure progress and success
2. Any permits and/or approvals required for this project
3. Budget and outline of costs
4. Matching contributions

Applications are accepted once a year. For more details, application instructions, or to sign up for emails, please visit the program website:

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