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# SUB SNAGGING PROBE BEGINS

**A TOP U.S. Navy investigator flew in today to head an inquiry into a near fishing tragedy.**

The Irish fishing boat Lupina had its nets snagged by a U.S. submarine in the Irish Sea on Wednesday night.

The accident brought back grim memories of the Antares tragedy when four fishermen drowned in a similar incident.

The submarine involved, the nuclear fast attack USS

Sturgeon, arrived back at the Faslane Naval Base on the Clyde early today.

It had been at a "safe location" since the accident and was towed back with fishing nets and cabling gear still wrapped around its shaft.

As the probe began Faslane Commodore John Trewby said the crew of the submarine knew the safety rules brought in following the Antares tragedy.

The guidelines say there should always be at least 4000 yards between a sub-

marine diving and a fishing vessel.

Lt. Commander Trewby said: "The submarine had been briefed on the new procedures and we would expect such submarines to comply with our guidelines."

A Royal Navy source said the guidelines had clearly been breached as the submarine was obviously too close.

US Navy spokesman Lt. Commander Jack Papp said: "We are just thankful there was no loss of life in this incident."

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