In the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), fish catch reporting utilizes standardized gear codes to classify the various fishing methods employed. These codes are essential for consistent data collection and reporting across the region. Below is a list of common gear codes used within the WCPFC framework:

| **Gear Code** | **Description** |
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| **L** | Longline |
| **S** | Purse Seine |
| **P** | Pole-and-Line |
| **H** | Handline (Large-Fish) |
| **K** | Handline (Small-Fish) |
| **T** | Troll |
| **R** | Ringnet |
| **G** | Driftnet |
| **N** | Gillnet |
| **O** | Unclassified |

These codes are utilized in various WCPFC data collection forms and reports to specify the fishing gear used during catch events. For instance, the 'L' code denotes longline gear, which is commonly used in tuna fisheries, while 'S' represents purse seine gear, often employed for catching schooling pelagic species. Accurate use of these codes ensures effective monitoring and management of fishing activities within the WCPFC jurisdiction.

For a comprehensive understanding and additional details, refer to the WCPFC Data Catalogue and related documentation.