



Notice to Fish Harvesters

North Atlantic Right Whale - Notice of grid closure(s) GZ34, HA34, HB35, HB36 and Notice of grid re-opening(s) GW51

June 7, 2021 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing notice of grid status updates related to North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW). The information presented herein is consistent with the 2021 NARW management measures previously announced by DFO.

All times listed in this document are in Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT).

New updates are in effect in the following waters (refer to the corresponding annex for details):

- **New grid closure(s)/re-opening(s) in the Gulf of St Lawrence - Annex 1**

All NARW related grid closures currently in effect in Canadian waters are provided in the following corresponding annexes:

- Annex 1 – for the Gulf of St Lawrence.
- Annex 2 – for the Bay of Fundy
- Annex 3 – for the Roseway Basin Critical Habitat
- Annex 4 – for all waters outside of the dynamic or critical habitat areas

DFO asks licence holders to be vigilant during fishing activities concerning the presence of North Atlantic Right Whales. Furthermore, please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, amongst others, by Environment and Climate Change Canada and Transport Canada, as well as the standards and best practices in marine safety, and to take all measures to ensure safe fishing operations.

Any reference to the term “Notice” in this document means this “Notice to Fish Harvesters”. The Notice to Fish Harvesters, including its annexes, is provided for information purposes only. In case of discrepancy between the information in the Notice to Fish Harvester and a Variation Order, the latter will prevail.

Coordinates

Table 1 : The coordinates representing the contour of the grid closure(s) in the waters of the **Gulf of St Lawrence** closer to the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are listed below:

Points	Position*	
	North Latitude (N)	West Longitude (W)
1	48° 20' 00.00"	64° 10' 00.00"
2	48° 20' 00.00"	63° 10' 00.00"

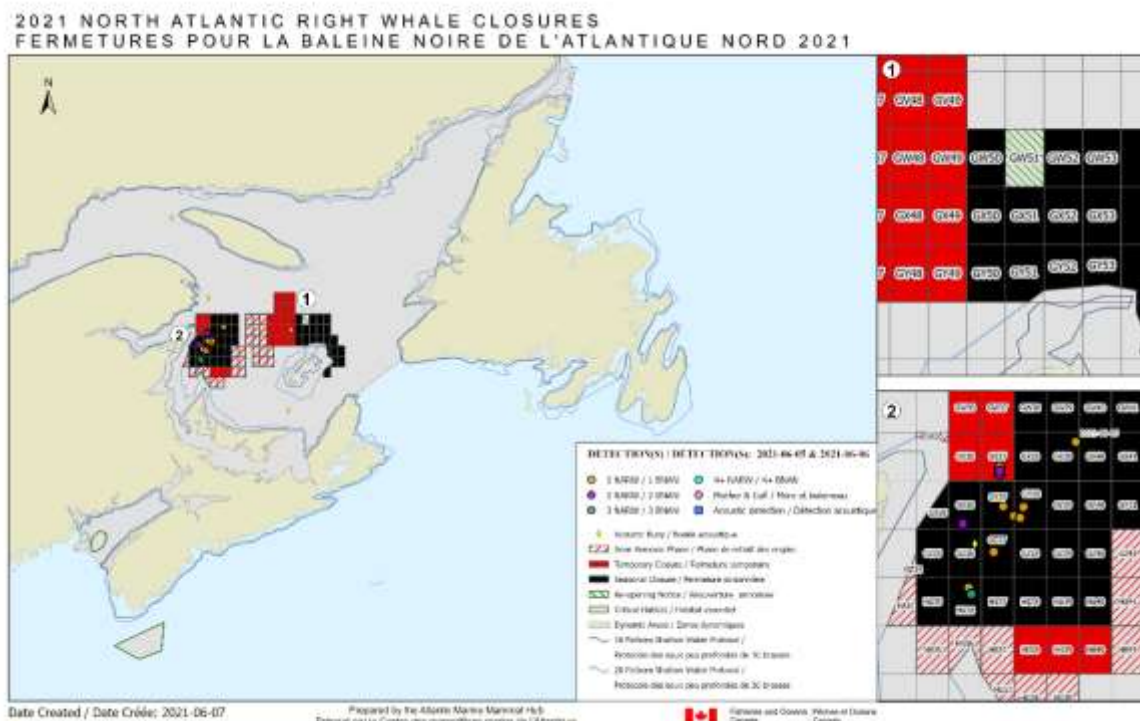
3	47° 50' 00.00"	63° 10' 00.00"
4	47° 50' 00.00"	63° 00' 00.00"
5	47° 20' 00.00"	63° 00' 00.00"
6	47° 20' 00.00"	63° 30' 00.00"
7	47° 10' 00.00"	63° 30' 00.00"
8	47° 10' 00.00"	63° 50' 00.04"
9	47° 19' 59.96"	64° 00' 00.00"
10	47° 25' 59.96"	64° 03' 00.01"
11	47° 20' 00.00"	64° 09' 59.96"
12	47° 20' 00.00"	64° 20' 00.00"
13	47° 30' 00.00"	64° 20' 00.00"
14	47° 30' 00.00"	64° 28' 59.98"
15	47° 44' 59.96"	64° 20' 00.00"
16	47° 49' 59.96"	64° 20' 00.00"
17	47° 59' 59.96"	64° 10' 00.00"
18	48° 07' 59.96"	64° 10' 00.00"
19	48° 08' 59.96"	64° 20' 00.00"
20	48° 10' 00.00"	64° 20' 00.00"
21	48° 10' 00.00"	64° 10' 00.00"
22	48° 20' 00.00"	64° 10' 00.00"

Table 2 - The coordinates representing the contour of the grid closure(s) in the waters of the **Gulf of St Lawrence** closer to the Magdalen Islands are listed below:

Points	Position*	
	North Latitude (N)	West Longitude (W)
1	48° 40' 00.00"	62° 20' 00.00"
2	48° 40' 00.00"	61° 50' 00.00"
3	48° 20' 00.00"	61° 50' 00.00"
4	48° 20' 00.00"	61° 40' 00.00"
5	48° 10' 00.00"	61° 40' 00.00"
6	48° 10' 00.00"	61° 30' 00.00"
7	48° 20' 00.00"	61° 30' 00.00"
8	48° 20' 00.00"	61° 00' 00.00"
9	48° 00' 00.00"	61° 00' 00.00"
10	48° 00' 00.00"	60° 50' 00.00"
11	47° 50' 00.00"	60° 50' 00.00"
12	47° 50' 00.00"	60° 40' 00.00"
13	47° 30' 00.00"	60° 40' 00.00"
14	47° 30' 00.00"	61° 00' 00.00"
15	47° 20' 00.00"	61° 00' 00.00"
16	47° 20' 00.00"	61° 10' 00.00"
17	47° 25' 19.97"	61° 10' 00.00"
18	47° 27' 59.96"	61° 07' 00.01"

19	47° 31' 59.96"	60° 59' 00.01"
20	47° 34' 59.96"	60° 56' 00.01"
21	47° 36' 59.96"	60° 57' 00.01"
22	47° 40' 59.96"	61° 05' 00.01"
23	47° 44' 59.96"	61° 04' 00.01"
24	47° 47' 59.96"	61° 06' 00.01"
25	47° 51' 59.96"	61° 06' 00.01"
26	47° 52' 59.96"	61° 14' 00.01"
27	47° 51' 59.96"	61° 30' 00.01"
28	47° 50' 00.00"	61° 33' 59.94"
29	47° 50' 00.00"	62° 20' 00.00"
30	47° 30' 00.00"	62° 20' 00.00"
31	47° 30' 00.00"	62° 50' 00.00"
32	47° 50' 00.00"	62° 50' 00.00"
33	47° 50' 00.00"	63° 00' 00.00"
34	48° 20' 00.00"	63° 00' 00.00"
35	48° 20' 00.00"	62° 20' 00.00"
36	48° 40' 00.00"	62° 20' 00.00"

*Area enclosed by rhumb lines (similar to straight lines plotted on a nautical chart) joining the points listed above in the order they are listed. Point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.



Map presenting all grid closures in Eastern Canada related to the detection of NARW

(The above map has no legal bearing and is provided for visual reference only.)

For more information:

Regular updates and maps indicating detections will be posted here:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/mammals-mammiferes/narightwhale-baleinenoirean/alert-alerte/index-eng.html>

Annex 1 – Gulf of St Lawrence – NARW Related Closures in Effect**New Closure / Re-opening**

If there are no new detections, the following grid will be re-opening on **June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.:**

- Full grid(s) **GW51**

As communicated in the NARW Pre-Notice on June 6th (Schedule A), the following grid(s) will be closing on **June 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.:**

- Full grid(s) **HB35**
- Portion of grid(s) **GZ34, HA34, HB36**

DFO provided a **48 hour** advanced notice for the above grid closure(s). All gear affected by this notice must be removed from the closed area before the time of closure.

Previously Announced Closures

As previously announced, the following grid(s) will be closing on :

- **June 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**
 - Full grid(s) **GW43, GW44, GW45, GX43, GX44, GX45, GY43, GY44, GY45, GZ41, GZ42, GZ44, GZ45, GZ46, HA41, HA42, HA44, HA45, HA46, HB37, HB41, HB42, HC38, HC39**
 - Portion of grid(s) **GX35, HC37**

The following grid(s) remain temporary closed until further notice in the Gulf of St Lawrence:

- Full grid(s) **GU47, GU48, GU49, GV47, GV48, GV49, GW36, GW37, GW46, GW47, GW48, GW49, GX36, GX37, GX46, GX47, GX48, GX49, GY46, GY47, GY48, GY49, HB38, HB39, HB40**

The following grids are seasonally closed until November 15, 2021, in the Gulf of St Lawrence:

- Full grid(s) **GW38, GW39, GW40, GW41, GW50, GW52, GW53, GW54, GX38, GX39, GX40, GX41, GX50, GX51, GX52, GX53, GX54, GY36, GY37, GY38, GY39, GY40, GY41, GY50, GY55, GZ35, GZ36, GZ37, GZ38, GZ39, GZ40, GZ55, GZ56, HA35, HA36, HA37, HA38, HA39, HA40, HA56**
- Portion of grid(s) **GY35, GY51, GY52, GY53, GY54, GZ54, HA54, HA55, HB54**

The closures are in effect for the following fisheries when the fishing seasons are open in the Gulf, Newfoundland & Labrador, and Quebec Regions: snow crab, toad crab, rock crab, lobster,

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whelk, Greenland halibut (fixed gear), winter flounder (fixed gear), bait (fixed gear), and herring (trap net). Closures will also be in effect for Atlantic halibut (fixed gear), mackerel (gillnet) and herring (gillnet) when gear is left unattended.

Snow crab fish harvesters fishing in crab fishing Area 12 are reminded that the following grids are already closed due to the presence of softshell crab and will remain closed for the remainder of the snow crab season: HB40, GY36, GZ36, GZ41, GX41, HA39, HA41, GZ39, GZ40.

Annex 2 – Bay of Fundy – NARW Related Closures in Effect

There are no grid closures related to NARW in the Bay of Fundy.

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Annex 3 – Roseway Basin Critical Habitat – NARW Related Closures in Effect

There are no grid closures related to NARW in the Roseway Basin Critical Habitat.

Annex 4 – Outside of the dynamic and critical habitat areas – NARW Related Closures in Effect

There are no other grid closures related to NARW in the waters outside of the dynamic and critical habitat areas.

Schedule A – NARW PRE-NOTICE previously distributed on June 6th

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is providing this PRE-NOTICE to inform fish harvesters of upcoming new grid closures.

*As per attached map, due to the confirmed presence of North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW), the following grids will be closing on **June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT)**:*

- Full grid **HB35**
- Portion of grids **GZ34, HA34, HB36**

The related Notice to fish harvesters and Variation Order will be issued on the next business day.

The closures will be in effect for non-tended fixed gear fisheries, crab trap fisheries, lobster trap fisheries, as well as other trap fisheries. Fishing gear should be removed from the above grids accordingly.

DFO reminds licence holders that it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, amongst others, by Environment and Climate Change Canada and Transport Canada, as well as the standards and best practices in marine safety, and to take all measures to ensure safe fishing operations.

Attached Map:

