



*Gulf Region*

# Notice to Fish Harvesters

## NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN LOBSTER FISHING AREAS 24 and 26A-1

**Moncton, NB – February 03, 2022** - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the following modifications to lobster management measures for 2022 in Lobster Fishing Areas (LFA) 24 and 26A-1:

**LFA 24**

- The minimum legal carapace size for lobster in LFA 24 will be increased from 74 to **75 millimetres (mm)** for the 2022 fishing season.

**LFA 26 A1**

- The minimum legal carapace size for lobster in LFA 26 A-1 will be increased from 74 to **75 millimetres (mm)** for the 2022 fishing season. The minimum size will remain at 75 mm, for the 2023 season and then increase to 76 mm for the 2024 season.

**These carapace size increases in LFA 24 and LFA 26 A-1, will not require a change to the minimum escape mechanism size. It will remain the same as in the 2021 fishing season, at a minimum of either 43 mm x 127 mm or 42 mm x 254 mm.**

<b>Length of escape opening between 127 mm and less than 254 mm</b>	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape openings
>71 mm to 73 mm	42 mm
>73 mm to 76 mm	43 mm
>76 mm	44 mm
<b>Length of escape opening equal to or greater than 254 mm</b>	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape opening
>71 mm to 73 mm	41 mm
>73 mm to 76 mm	42 mm
>76 mm to 80 mm	43 mm
>80 mm	44 mm except in the following LFAs: LFA 26B North: 46 mm LFA 26B South: 47 mm

The opening date of the fishery and further details on the other management measures will be issued at a later date.

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