



Notice to Fish Harvesters

North Atlantic Right Whale - Notice of temporary prohibited fishing grid(s) HE48, HE49, HE50, HF48, HF49, HF50, HG48, HG49, HG50

April 29, 2026 – 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 2026 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 prohibited fishing grid(s) in the Gulf of St Lawrence - Annex 1**

All NARW related prohibited fishing grids 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 NARW. Furthermore, please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the licence holder and operator 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 the Notice on the Orders Registry System, the latter will prevail. For more detailed information please visit the [order registry for your region](#).

Coordinates

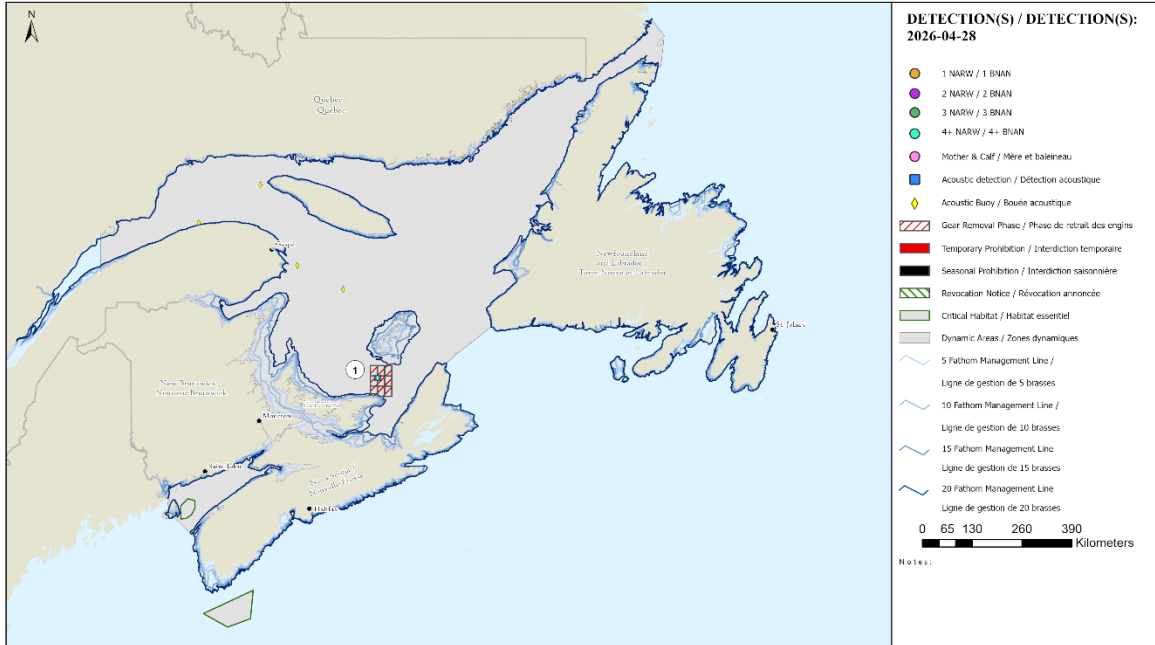
Table 1: Coordinates representing the contour of the prohibited fishing grid(s) in the waters **South of the Magdalen Islands**

Points	Position*	
	North Latitude (N)	West Longitude (W)
1	47° 00' 00.00"	62° 10' 00.00"
2	47° 00' 00.00"	61° 44' 41.27"

3	46° 59' 59.66"	61° 44' 41.07"
4	47° 00' 00.00"	61° 44' 38.11"
5	47° 00' 00.00"	61° 40' 00.00"
6	46° 30' 00.00"	61° 40' 00.00"
7	46° 30' 00.00"	61° 51' 50.04"
8	46° 30' 21.00"	61° 53' 53.90"
9	46° 30' 18.17"	61° 54' 48.27"
10	46° 30' 10.78"	61° 55' 26.72"
11	46° 30' 37.18"	61° 57' 06.28"
12	46° 30' 28.82"	61° 58' 20.53"
13	46° 31' 19.17"	61° 58' 28.65"
14	46° 31' 30.96"	61° 59' 41.64"
15	46° 32' 07.50"	62° 00' 33.49"
16	46° 32' 01.87"	62° 01' 58.36"
17	46° 31' 19.58"	62° 03' 19.46"
18	46° 31' 08.02"	62° 04' 31.96"
19	46° 32' 12.56"	62° 02' 38.19"
20	46° 32' 36.77"	62° 03' 44.58"
21	46° 32' 40.85"	62° 06' 01.38"
22	46° 32' 26.44"	62° 07' 07.65"
23	46° 31' 44.21"	62° 10' 00.00"
24	46° 32' 00.12"	62° 10' 00.00"
25	46° 32' 47.82"	62° 07' 55.39"
26	46° 32' 48.93"	62° 10' 00.00"
27	47° 00' 00.00"	62° 10' 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.

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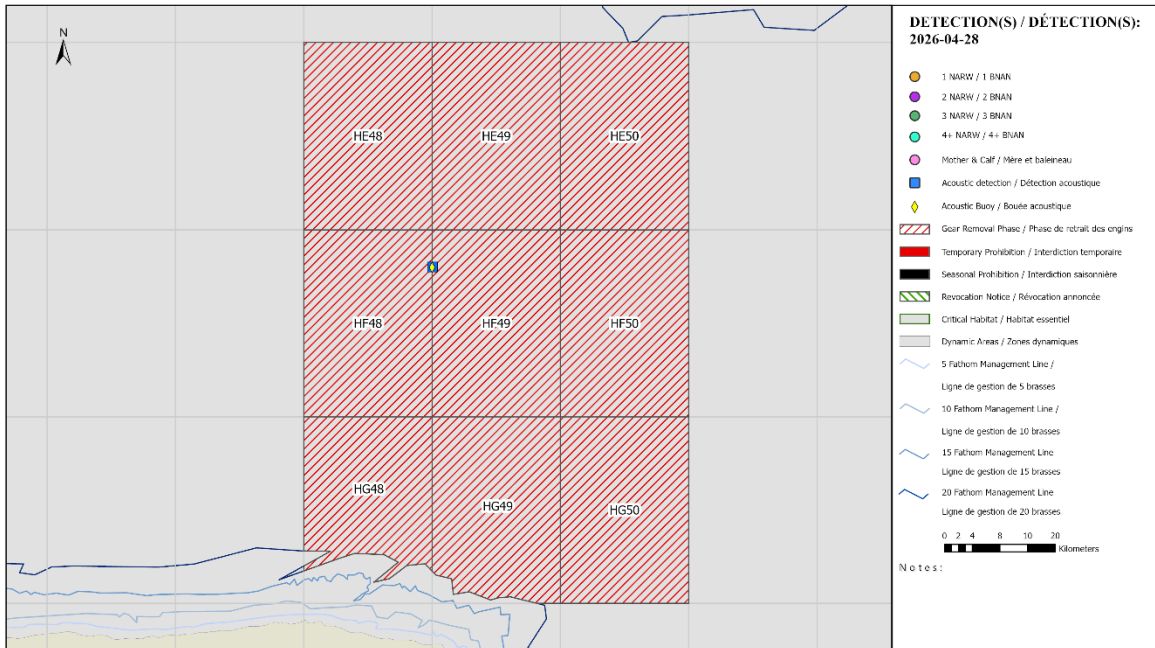


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Map representing all prohibited fishing grids in Eastern Canada related to the detection of NARW

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

For more information:

Please visit the [Interactive map on the latest right whale observations](#) for regular updates.

Annex 1 – Gulf of St Lawrence – NARW related fishing prohibitions in effect

New information related to prohibited fishing grid(s)

Fishing prohibition(s) for the following grid(s) will commence on **May 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.:**

- Full grid(s) **HE48, HE49, HF48, HF49, HF50, HG50**
- Portion of grid(s) **HE50, HG48, HG49**

DFO is providing a **120 hour** delay for the above prohibited fishing grid(s) due to the weather forecast. All affected gear must be removed from the prohibited fishing area before the specified time, and no new gear is permitted to be set in the water after the notice is issued.

The fishing prohibitions 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
- Whelk
- Greenland halibut (fixed gear)
- Winter flounder (fixed gear)
- Bait (fixed gear)
- Sea urchin (fixed gear)
- Herring (trap net)

The fishing prohibitions will also be in effect for Atlantic halibut (fixed gear), mackerel (gillnet) and herring (gillnet) when gear is left unattended.

Annex 2 – Bay of Fundy – NARW related fishing prohibitions in effect

There are no prohibited fishing grids related to NARW in the Bay of Fundy.

Annex 3 – Roseway Basin Critical Habitat – NARW related fishing prohibitions in effect

There are no prohibited fishing grids related to NARW in the Roseway Basin Critical Habitat.

Annex 4 – Outside of the dynamic and critical habitat areas – NARW related fishing prohibitions in effect

There are no prohibited fishing grids related to NARW in the waters outside of the dynamic and critical habitat areas.