



Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2020 SCALLOP FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN – SFA 23

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (PE) – The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Gulf Region, wishes to advise the industry that the fishery for Scallop in SFA 23 will open at 06:00 hrs. on July 6 and close at 18:00 hrs. on August 21, 2020. There will be daily closures from 18:00 hrs. to 06:00 hrs. the following day and closed the entire day on Sundays.

NEW management measures in place for the 2020 fishing season:

Gear Marking

Gear marking is in place in this fishery. Specific requirements are explained in the Notice to Fish Harvesters issued January 31, 2020 and details of these requirements can also be found in the licence conditions.

Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic right whales

The management measures to protect the right whales are available at the following Internet address:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>

The following management measures will be in effect for the 2020 fishing season:

- **Fishing Season**: Open at 0600 hrs. on July 6 and close at 1800 on August 21. Daily closures from 1800 hrs. to 0600 hrs. the following day and closed all Sundays.
- **Washers**: A maximum of two (2) steel washers may be used to join each side of the rings together, giving a maximum of 8 steel washers per ring. In addition, one rubber washer may be used vertically to join two (2) bucket rings together. The maximum outside diameter of rubber washers must not exceed 50.8mm. Furthermore, chaffing gear on the underside of the drag will be allowed when the rings are joined only with steel washers.
- **Meat Count**: 33 per 500 gm of meat.

- **Logbook Requirements:** Fishers are required to maintain a record of their estimated catches in a logbook prior to entering port. Fishers are required to forward their logbooks to DFO no later than two (2) weeks following the closure of the fishing season.
- **Ring Size:** The authorized ring size in the bucket construction is set at 82.6 mm with the exception of the first row of rings attached to the bucket frame, where the inside diameter of all rings shall not be less than 76.2 mm.
- **Drag Size:** Maximum width of 6.09 m outside measurements.
- **Tow Bar:** The tow bar must be raised at least 50.8 mm with the use of runners or wheels that are located at both extremities of the bar and being at least 50.8 mm wide.
- **Offloading Requirements:** Licence holders are not authorized to land (off-load) any other part of the scallop except for the adductor muscle (no roe or other internal organs of the scallop may be retained).

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - Information for industry

Canadian fisheries and aquaculture sectors provide the world with sustainably-sourced, high quality, high value, fish and seafood.

Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard is committed to supporting our fisheries and aquaculture industry during these difficult times. The Government of Canada is taking the necessary steps to ensure that you can continue to operate safely and effectively and we will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Visit our website to find out more:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/covid19/industry-industrie/index-eng.html>

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