



*Gulf Region*

# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

## **LOBSTER MANAGEMENT CHANGES IN LOBSTER FISHING AREA 24**

**Charlottetown, PEI – January 13, 2020** - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the following lobster management changes for 2020 in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 24:

- The minimum legal size of lobster carapace will be increased to **74 millimetres (mm)** for the 2020 fishing season.
- Mandatory **increase in the escape mechanism height to 43 mm or 42 mm as per the table below**. The height of the escape mechanism as indicated in Table 1 needs to be adjusted according to the minimum legal carapace size in effect in each LFA.

Table 1

<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 issues will be issued at a later date.

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