



Notice to Fish Harvesters

Mandatory Electronic Logbooks in 2026 for the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Rock Crab and Scallop Fisheries

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Gulf Region, announces that effective in 2026, the use of electronic logbooks (ELOGs) will be mandatory for harvesters who hold a licence issued by the Gulf Region to fish rock crab and scallop in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence. This requirement applies to all harvesters fishing under a commercial, communal commercial and community (rock crab only) licence for:

- rock crab in Lobster Fishing Areas (LFAs) 23, 24, 25 and 26, and
- scallop in Scallop Fishing Areas (SFAs) 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Harvesters who are not active for an entire season are not required to purchase an ELOG application. Other management measures related to the rock crab and scallop fisheries will be announced in separate notices to fish harvesters.

DFO has a mandate to collect data to effectively manage Canada's fisheries resources. Harvesters are required by licence to report their fishing activities to the Department. Using ELOGs will streamline catch reporting for harvesters, making it faster and more efficient. For more information on ELOGs, please visit: [Electronic logbooks \(ELOGs\)](#).

Harvesters must download an ELOG application from an approved developer: [Qualified electronic logbooks \(ELOG\) client applications](#).

DFO remains committed to working with industry as we continue to improve and enhance our catch reporting services on a phased approach basis.

For any additional questions regarding the National ELOG program, please contact DFO at 1-877-535-7307 or at the following email: fishing-peche@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.