

*Gulf Region*

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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PEI COMMERCIAL SMELT FISHERY

Charlottetown, PE – October 21, 2025 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Gulf Region wishes to advise the PEI commercial smelt licence holders that the season will open as follows: Gill net – November 1, 2025 and remain open until March 15, 2026; Trap net – November 1, 2025 and remain open until March 15, 2026. These season dates reflect a permanent change to the dates for the PEI commercial smelt fishery.

Catch Monitoring

Reminder that there is now a log sheet requirement for all licence holders/operators. The licence holder is required to maintain an up-to-date record of all fishing activities. This log sheet will be attached to all licence holder's conditions. The Smelt Log sheet must be presented within fourteen (14) days after the closure of the commercial Smelt fishing season to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Resource Management, P.O. Box 1236, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7M8. A nil report must be provided if there was no fishing during the entire fishing season

All other management measures will remain the same for the 2025/26 season.

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