

*Gulf Region*

Notice to Fish Harvesters

PEI COMMERCIAL/BAIT GASPÉREAU FISHERY

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (PEI) – April 21, 2026

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Gulf Region advises that the gaspereau fishing season for PEI commercial and bait licence holders will be open from May 1 to June 30, 2026.

NEW COMMERCIAL MANGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2026:

Gillnet - There is a new gear tagging requirement for all gillnet licences. One tag is required for each 16.67 fathoms of gillnets and must be affixed to a buoy attached to one end of the gillnet.

NEW BAIT MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2026:

Bait Licences - There is a new logbook requirement for all bait licences. The gaspereau bait logbook must be completed at the end of each fishing day and prior to leaving the fishing site.

Bait Dip Net - There is a new requirement for bait dipnet licence; licence holders are not authorized to fish within 90 meters of any previously set fishing gear.

All other management measures for the commercial/bait fishery will remain the same for the 2026 season.

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