

RESULTS

PEIFA LFA 26A LOBSTER FISHERY OPENING DATE VOTE

- The vote was conducted from September 3rd to September 29th, 2025 via electronic link.
- All PEIFA LFA 26A commercial lobster license holders received information in the mail with instructions on how to complete the vote by electronic link online or by contacting the PEIFA office to complete the vote over the phone or in person. Emails were sent to many PEI LFA 26A lobster fishers with the link to the vote and the link was also shared via social media platforms including the PEIFA website, Facebook page and private local harbour pages.
- All voters were required to provide their FIN and LFA 26A lobster license number and were only used for confirming eligibility of the vote. All individual survey results were kept confidential.
- Votes were scrutinized and counted independently by two PEIFA staff.
- There were 203 votes cast out of a total of 343 PEI LFA 26A commercial lobster license holders. This equates to a 59% return rate. Of the 203 returns, there were 2 spoiled/ineligible votes (due to lack of or incorrect eligibility information).

VOTE QUESTION: Which opening (setting) date would you prefer in the LFA 26A lobster fishery?

- 80 votes for April 28th opening date (40%)
- **121 votes for April 30th opening date (60%)**
- 2 spoiled/ineligible votes (1%)

As noted on the questionnaire and based on the majority of the votes cast, The PEIFA LFA 26A Lobster Advisory Committee will be moving forward with requesting an opening date of April 30th. DFO will make the final decision on opening day.

The Advisory Committee would like to thank all those who submitted their feedback and appreciate their input in this process.