

## RESULTS

### 2023 PEIFA LOBSTER FISHING AREA 26A ELECTRONIC QUESTIONNAIRE VOTE

- Email links to the electronic vote were sent out to the LFA 26A PEI email distribution list as well as a letter mailed to each LFA 26A PEI license holder advising them on how to vote online or contacting the PEIFA to do the vote over the phone. Lobster License numbers were required to confirm the fishers in the vote.
- Electronic questionnaires/votes were reviewed and scrutinized on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 107 returned questionnaires out of a total of 356 LFA 26A commercial lobster license holders. This equates to a 30% return rate.

The following were the results:

1. **Are you in favour of increasing the minimum size of rock crab used as bait in the LFA 26A lobster fishery from 102mm (4 inch) to 108mm (4 ¼ inch)? *The commercial rock crab fishery minimum size in LFA 26A is currently 108mm.***
  - a. **43 votes against (41%)**
  - b. **62 votes for (59%)**
  - c. **2 spoiled ballots**

Given the results and as stated in the letter, the PEIFA LFA 26A Lobster Advisory Committee will move forward with the majority of the votes cast.