



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2024 SCALLOP FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN – SFA 23

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (PE) – June 17, 2024 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Gulf Region, is announcing the management measures for the Scallop SFA 23 in 2024. The fishery opens at 06:00 hrs. on July 3, 2024 and closes at 18:00 hrs. on August 21, 2024. There will be daily closures from 18:00 hrs. to 06:00 hrs. the following day and closed the entire day on Sundays.

Management measures in place for the 2024 fishing season:

Fishing Season: Open at 06:00 hrs. on July 3, 2024 and close at 18:00 hrs. on August 21, 2024. Daily closures from 18:00 hrs. to 06:00 hrs. the following day and closed all Sundays.

Washers: A maximum of two (2) steel washers may be used to join each side of the rings together, giving a maximum of 8 steel washers per ring. In addition, one rubber washer may be used vertically to join two (2) bucket rings together. The maximum outside diameter of rubber washers must not exceed 50.8mm. Furthermore, chaffing gear on the underside of the drag will be allowed when the rings are joined only with steel washers.

Meat Count: 33 per 500 gm of meat.

Logbook Requirements: Fishers are required to maintain a record of their estimated catches in a logbook prior to entering port. Fishers are required to forward their logbooks to DFO no later than two (2) weeks following the closure of the fishing season.

Ring Size: The authorized ring size in the bucket construction is set at 82.6 mm with the exception of the first row of rings attached to the bucket frame, where the inside diameter of all rings shall not be less than 76.2 mm.

Drag Size: Maximum width of 6.09 m outside measurements.

Tow Bar: The tow bar must be raised at least 50.8 mm with the use of runners or wheels that are located at both extremities of the bar and being at least 50.8 mm wide.

Offloading Requirements: Licence holders are not authorized to land (off-load) any other part of the scallop except for the adductor muscle (no roe or other internal organs of the scallop may be retained).

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