



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

2026 SCALLOP FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN – SFA 23

Charlottetown, PEI - June 9, 2026 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is announcing the management measures for the Scallop SFA 23 for 2026.

Fishing Season: The fishery will open at 06:00 on July 6, 2026 and closes at 18:00 on August 24, 2026.

There will be daily closures each day from 18:00 to 06:00 the following day and the fishery will be closed all day on Sundays.

New in 2026

As announced in a separate Notice to Fish Harvesters, the use of an **Electronic logbook (ELOG) and Hail out** are mandatory starting in 2026 for all active scallop licence holders in Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence. These new requirements apply to all commercial and communal commercial licence holders in SFA 21, 22, 23, and 24.

Please refer to the following Notice to Fish Harvesters for more information:

- [2026 - Mandatory Electronic Logbooks for the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence in the Rock Crab and Scallop Fisheries](#)
- [2026 - New scallop commercial fishery management measures for the Gulf Region \(SFA 21, 22, 23 and 24\)](#)

Other management measures in place for the 2026 fishing season:

The following management measures remain in effect. Further details are available in the scallop licence conditions:

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.

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.

Meat Count: 33 per 500 gm of meat.

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).

Mandatory reporting of interactions with marine mammals: Any accidental contact between a marine mammal and a vessel or fishing gear must be reported.

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