



Notice to Fish Harvesters

August 8, 2018

NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALES - NOTICE OF REOPENING OF THE FISHERY IN GRIDS HC36 (portion), HC37, HD36 (portion) and HD37 (portion)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Gulf Region is providing a notice to announce the reopening of the fishery in grids **HC36 (portion), HC37, HD36 (portion) and HD37 (portion)** on **August 8, 2018 at 17:00** Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT).

Please note that grids **GV36, GV37, GV38, GV39, GV40 (portion), GW36, GW37, GW38, GW39, GW40, GX36, GX37, GX38, GX39, GX40, HA33 (portion), HA34 (portion), HA43, HA44, HA45, HB34 (portion), HB43, HB44, HB45, HC35 (portion), HC43 (portion), HC44 (portion) and HC45 (portion)** also remain closed to the fishery. The closures will remain in effect until further notice. In the event that areas are reopened, DFO will inform industry prior to their reopening.

The closures will be in effect for the following fisheries where the fishing seasons are currently opened: snow crab, toad crab, rock crab, lobster, whelk, Greenland halibut (fixed gear) and winter flounder (fixed gear). Closures will also be in effect for Atlantic halibut (fixed gear), herring (gillnet) and mackerel (gillnet) when gear is left unattended.

DFO asks licence holders to be vigilant during fishing activities concerning the presence of North Atlantic Right Whales. Furthermore, please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, amongst others, by Environment and Climate Change Canada and Transport Canada, as well as the standards and best practices in marine safety, and to take all measures to ensure safe fishing operations.

The coordinates representing the contour of the grids **HC36 (portion), HC37, HD36 (portion) and HD37 (portion)** are listed below:

Points	Positions	
	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	47° 20' 00" N	64° 10' 00" W
2	47° 20' 00" N	64° 00' 00" W
3	47° 06' 56" N	64° 00' 00" W
4	47° 06' 13" N	64° 05' 27" W
5	47° 10' 49" N	64° 10' 00" W
6	47° 20' 00" N	64° 10' 00" W

*Point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83).
Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.*

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The coordinates representing the contour of the four closed area (in red) are listed below:

Points (north)	Positions	
	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	48° 30' 00" N	64° 10' 00" W
2	48° 30' 00" N	63° 22' 54" W
3	48° 28' 56" N	63° 20' 00" W
4	48° 0' 00" N	63° 20' 00" W
5	48° 0' 00" N	64° 10' 00" W
6	48° 30' 00" N	64° 10' 00" W

Points (east)	Positions	
	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	47° 17' 48" N	62° 30' 00" W
2	47° 14' 11" N	63° 00' 00" W
3	47° 40' 00" N	63° 00' 00" W
4	47° 40' 00" N	62° 30' 00" W
5	47° 17' 48" N	62° 30' 00" W

Points (west)	Positions	
	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	47° 40' 00" N	64° 39' 17" W
2	47° 40' 00" N	64° 20' 00" W
3	47° 20' 48" N	64° 20' 00" W
4	47° 40' 00" N	64° 39' 17" W

Points (south)	Position	
	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	47°10' 49" N	64°10' 00" W
2	47°20' 00" N	64°19' 12" W
3	47°20' 00" N	64°10' 00" W
4	47°10' 49" N	64°10' 00" W

Area enclosed by the coastlines and rhumb lines (similar to straight lines plotted on a nautical chart) joining the points listed above in the order they are listed. Point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.

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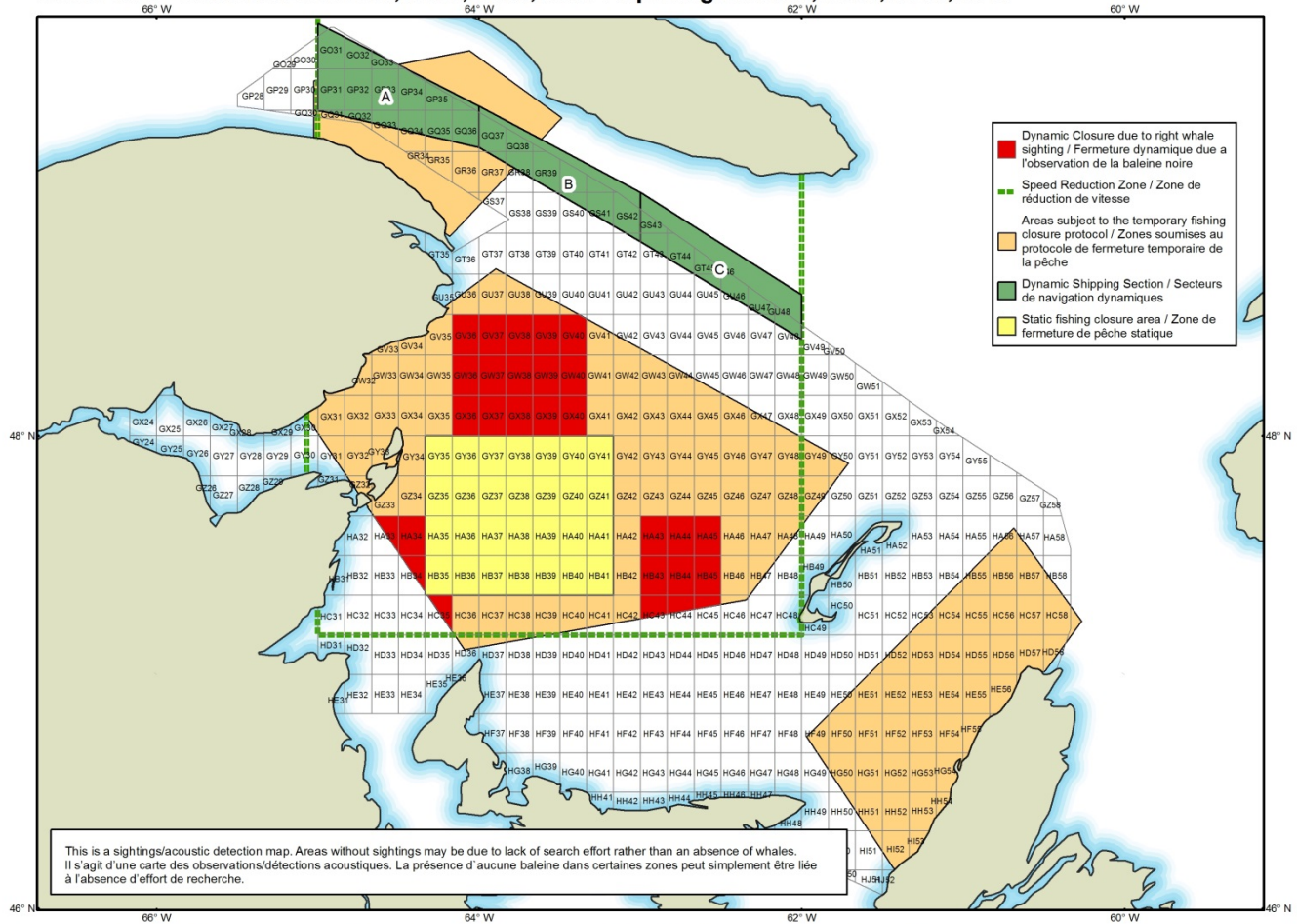


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Map identifying the grid closures in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence due to the presence of NARW.

08/07/2018 - Ouverture de HC36,HC37,HD36,HD37 / Opening of HC36,HC37,HD36,HD37



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For more information:

Regular updates and maps indicating sightings will be posted at the following address:
<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/mammals-mammiferes/narightwhale-baleinenoirean/alert-alerte/index-eng.html>