



Notice to Fish Harvesters

June 14, 2018

NOTICE OF FISHERIES CLOSURES : PRESENCE OF NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Gulf Region is providing a notice to announce the delay for the fisheries closure of a fishing area initially planned for the June 15th due to the predicted high winds.

The following new grids will be closed: **GV32, GV33, GV34, GV35, GX32, GX33, GX34, GW32, GW33 and GW34** on **June 17, 2018** at **12:00** Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). Refer to variation orders 2018-040 for crab and 2018-041 for lobster.

Please note that grids GU37 (portion), GU38 (portion), GU39 (portion), GU40 (portion), GV36, GV37, GV38, GV39, GV40 (portion), GW35, GW36, GW37, GW38, GW39, GW40, GW41, GX35, GX36, GX37, GX38, GX39, GX40 and GX41 also remain closed. 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) 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.

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The coordinates representing the contour of the **new closed** area are listed below:

Points	Positions	
	Lat. North	Long. West
1	48° 30' 00"	64° 13' 51.265"
2	48° 30' 00"	64° 10' 00"
3	48° 20' 00"	64° 10' 00"
4	48° 20' 00"	64° 20' 00"
5	48° 00' 00"	64° 20' 00"
6	48° 00' 00"	64° 50' 00"
7	48° 11' 48.834"	64° 50' 00"

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.

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

Points	Position	
	Lat. North	Long. West
1	48°30' 00"	64°13' 51.216"
2	48°30' 00"	64°00' 00"
3	48°38' 20.210"	64°00' 00"
4	48°40' 00"	63°56' 36.259"
5	48°40' 00"	63°50' 9.780"
6	48°28' 56.345"	63°20' 00"
7	48°20' 00"	63°20' 00"
8	48°20' 00"	63°10' 00"
9	48°00' 00"	63°10' 00"
10	48°00' 00"	64°50' 00"
11	48°11' 48.843"	64°50' 00"

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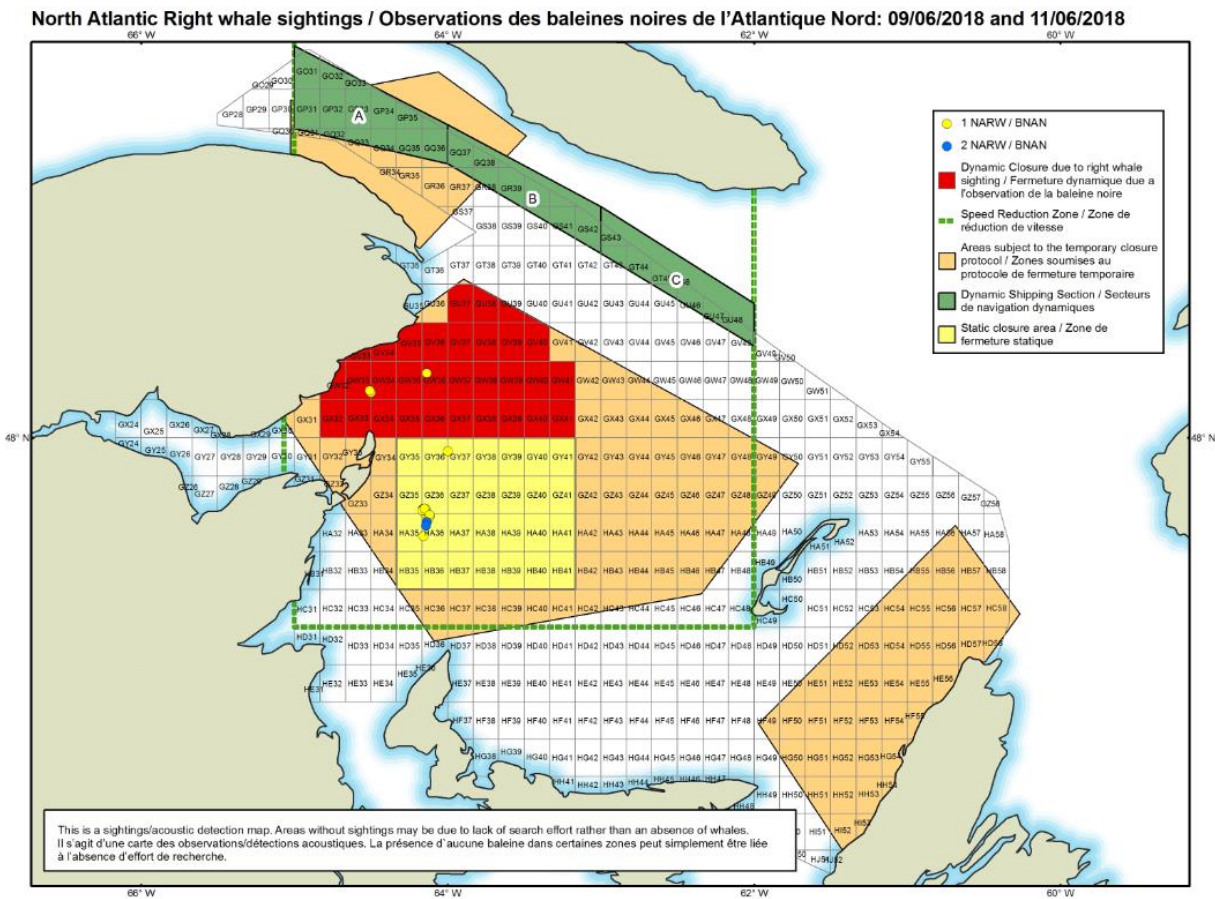
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Map identifying the grid closures in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence due to the presence of NARW.



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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>.