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# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

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## **MACKEREL – BAIT LICENCES**

**Moncton, NB – October 28, 2016** – Following the special circumstance of the recent commercial closure of the Atlantic mackerel fishery for 2016, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will allow harvesters to change their personal use bait licences to allow the use of hand line until November 18, and gillnets until December 31, for this year only.

Licence holders will be allowed to use gillnets or a maximum of three hand lines to land up to 1000 pounds of mackerel per day until November 18. Regular bait catch reporting through logbooks will apply.

Eligible harvesters wishing to participate in this fishery will be able to obtain mackerel bait licence through the National Online Licensing System (NOLS) by Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

### **For more information, please contact:**

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