

Notice to Fish Harvesters

SAFETY AT SEA AND OPENING DATE OF LOBSTER FISHING AREA 24

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Moncton – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Gulf Region, is announcing the opening date for the lobster fishery in Lobster Fishing Area 24.

The LFA 24 will open at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015.

DFO wishes to remind fish harvesters to take extra care when navigating on the opening day of the lobster fishery as vessels are loaded with gear and traps. Harvesters are encouraged to act diligently in setting their traps and should ensure that vessels are loaded safely by reducing the quantity of gear if necessary.

DFO also advises fish harvesters that due to higher than average seasonal ice accumulations and weather conditions, there may be some delays in the placement of navigational aids. As such, the Department wishes to advise fish harvesters to take extra care when navigating certain areas within the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Fish harvesters must also exercise caution when navigating in the channel if dredging operations are on-going.

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