

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2016 SCALLOP CONSERVATION HARVESTING PLAN– SCALLOP FISHING AREA (SFA) 22

Moncton – The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Gulf Region, wishes to advise industry that the spring scallop fishery in SFA 22 will open on May 2nd, 2016 and close on Saturday June 4th, 2016, pending weather conditions.

The multi-year Conservation Harvesting Plan for SFA 22 was developed following consultations with members of the advisory committee.

The following new management measures will be in effect for the 2016 fishing season:

- **Fishing Season**: The fishery will take place from 06:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. daily, and will be closed on Sundays. The fishing season will close on a Saturday instead of on a Monday.

The following management measures from 2015 will still be in effect for the 2016 fishing season:

- **Meat Count**: No more than 44 scallops can be harvested per 500 g of meat.
- **Logbook Requirements**: Fish harvesters are required to maintain a record of their estimated catches in a logbook prior to entering port. Fish harvesters are required to forward their logbooks to DFO no later than two weeks following the closure of the fishing season.
- **Ring Size**: The authorized minimal ring size in the bucket construction is set at 82.6 mm (3 ¼ inches) with the exception of the first row of buckets where 76.2 mm (3 inch) rings may be used.
- **Drag Size**: maximum cumulative width of 4.88 m (16 feet) (outside measurements).
- **Tow Bar**: The tow bar must be raised at least 50.8 mm (2 inches) by the use of runners or wheels located at both extremities of the bar and that are at least 50.8 mm (2 inches) wide.

- Washers: A maximum of two steel washers may be used to join two bucket rings together, giving a maximum of eight steel washers per ring. In addition, one rubber washer may be used vertically to join two bucket rings together. The maximum outside diameter of rubber washers must not exceed 50.8 mm (2 inches). Rubber flappers are only allowed to be used jointly with steel washers. With the exception of the authorized rubber washers and rubber flappers, no other type of chaffing gear can be used.
- Offloading Requirements: No person shall 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).
- Coastal Buffer Zone: The coastal buffer zone for the protection of lobster habitat and the ecosystem continues to be applied by variation order.

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