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## *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

### GROUND FISH FISHERIES USING MOBILE GEAR IN NAFO DIVISION 4T

#### **SUBJECT : Modification of the coordinates of the area closed to redfish fishing in division 4T**

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada wishes to inform fish harvesters of a modification to the coordinates of the area closure established on August 11, 2009, in NAFO Division 4T intended to reduce bycatch by mobile gear fleets during directed redfish fishing activities, and to enable fleets to comply with conservation measures set out in the various *Conservation Harvesting Plans (CHP)*.

As such, directed redfish fishing is prohibited at all times in the area along the southern slope of the Laurentian Channel, enclosed by rhumb lines joining the following points in the order which they are listed below (see attached map):

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| 1. 49° 07' 42" N   | 63° 47' 19" W   |
| 2. 48° 36' 44" N   | 62° 16' 49" W   |
| 3. 48° 16' 28" N   | 62° 16' 49" W   |
| 4. 48° 22' 10" N   | 62° 55' 02" W   |
| 5. 48° 32' 45" N   | 63° 15' 23" W   |
| 6. 48° 50' 13,3" N | 64° 00' 48,9" W |
| 7. 48° 58' 22" N   | 64° 12' 48" W   |
| 1. 49° 07' 42" N   | 63° 47' 19" W   |

Please note that the closed area applicable to all directed groundfish fisheries by mobile gear fleets remains in effect and unchanged. As such, directed groundfish fishing using mobile gear is prohibited at all times in the area enclosed by rhumb lines joining the following points in the order which they are listed below (see attached map):



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- 8. 48° 56' 46" N      63° 15' 23" W
- 9. 48° 47' 52" N      62° 49' 18" W
- 10. 48° 21' 15" N      62° 49' 18" W
- 4. 48° 22' 10" N      62° 55' 02" W
- 5. 48° 32' 45" N      63° 15' 23" W
- 8. 48° 56' 46" N      63° 15' 23" W

The area along the south side of the Laurentian Channel in the northeast of the Gaspé Peninsula is recognized as a concentration zone for several groundfish stocks, some of which are in the critical zone of their precautionary approach. Maintaining this closure is intended in particular to limit bycatch of 4TVn cod, 4T white hake, and 4T American plaice, three stocks subject to rebuilding plans requiring that removals from all sources be kept at the lowest possible level.

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## Areas Closed to Redfish and Groundfish Fishing Using Mobile Gear in NAFO Division 4T

