



Notice to Fish Harvesters

July 28, 2017

ROCK CRAB IN LOBSTER FISHING AREA 26A

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) wishes to inform rock crab fish harvesters fishing in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 26A that a section of the fishing area at a depth greater than 20 fathoms will be closed when the fishery opens on **August 7, 2017**.

DFO is closing this section of LFA 26A to the rock crab fishery until August 31, 2017 inclusively to prevent future incidents with North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

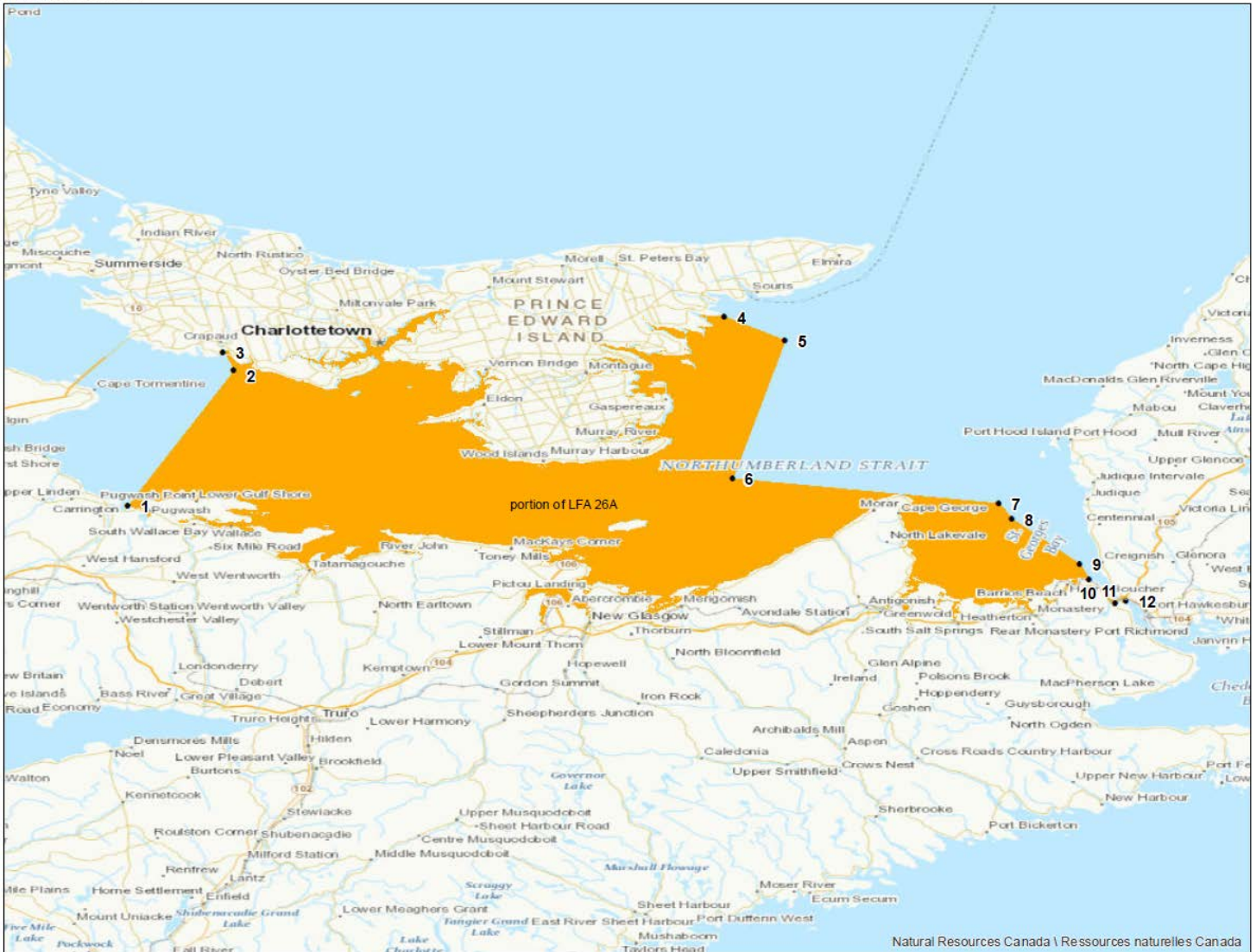
Licence holders are asked to report all observations of dead or injured marine mammals by calling a 1-866-567-6277 and to refrain from attempting to untangle any whales.

The coordinates and map of the opened area in LFA 26A are included below for reference.

Point	NORTH LAT_NAD27	WEST LONG_NAD27	NORTH LAT_NAD83	WEST LONG_NAD83
1	45° 51' 45.000'''	-63° 42' 42.000'''	45° 51' 45.264'''	-63° 42' 39.676'''
2	46° 10' 35.000'''	-63° 28' 3.000'''	46° 10' 35.230'''	-63° 28' 0.673'''
3	46° 12' 58.000'''	-63° 29' 26.000'''	46° 12' 58.231'''	-63° 29' 23.675'''
4	46° 18' 1.000'''	-62° 20' 0.000'''	46° 18' 1.183'''	-62° 19' 57.528'''
5	46° 14' 42.076'''	-62° 11' 32.115'''	46° 14' 42.263'''	-62° 11' 29.629'''
6	45° 55' 32.229'''	-62° 18' 52.057'''	45° 55' 32.463'''	-62° 18' 49.569'''
7	45° 52' 2.015'''	-61° 41' 48.996'''	45° 52' 2.267'''	-61° 41' 46.407'''
8	45° 50' 0.000'''	-61° 40' 0.000'''	45° 50' 0.253'''	-61° 39' 57.407'''
9	45° 43' 42.000'''	-61° 30' 42.000'''	45° 43' 42.259'''	-61° 30' 39.378'''
10	45° 41' 30.000'''	-61° 29' 20.000'''	45° 41' 30.260'''	-61° 29' 17.375'''
11	45° 38' 10.000'''	-61° 25' 45.000'''	45° 38' 10.261'''	-61° 25' 42.369'''
12	45° 38' 30.000'''	-61° 24' 15.000'''	45° 38' 30.261'''	-61° 24' 12.367'''

Map of Rock Crab opened area in LFA 26A

portion of LFA 26A



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