



*Gulf and Quebec Regions*

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# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

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**SNOW CRAB FISHERY CLOSING DATE:  
CRAB FISHING AREAS 12 (12, 18, 25, 26, 12E and 12F)**

**Moncton and Quebec – June 17, 2019**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) wishes to inform snow crab fish harvesters fishing in Crab Fishing Areas 12 (12, 18, 25, 26, 12E et 12F) that the fishing season will close as scheduled on July 1, 2019 at 00:00 hrs ADT. All gear must be removed from the water before the end of the day June 30, 2019.

The North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW) is present in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence (SGSL) in large numbers, which will most likely persist in July. DFO will not authorize an extension of the season to manage the risk of fishing gear interactions and entanglement with NARWs.

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