



Gulf and Quebec Regions

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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

Moncton and Quebec – April 9, 2020

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the opening date of the snow crab fishery in Crab Fishing Areas 12 (12, 18, 25 and 26) and 12E.

The fishery will open on April 24, 2020, if weather predictions are favorable for a safe season opening. A call with the Committee for setting the opening date of the snow crab fishery will take place on April 22, 2020.

The fishery will close on July 1, 2020 at 00:00 hrs ADT. All gear must be removed from the water before the end of the day June 30, 2020, meaning that the hauling of gear is prohibited after June 30th, but landing of traps and crabs can occur on July 1st.

All licence conditions will be valid for the entire fishing season.

All aid to navigation buoys may not all have been placed. Licence holders are advised to exercise extreme caution.

Furthermore, it is reminded that, during the period where fishing is authorized, it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, among others, by Environment and Climate Change Canada and Transport Canada, as well as the standards and best practices in marine safety, and to take all measures to ensure a safe fishery.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - Information for industry

Canadian fisheries and aquaculture sectors provide the world with sustainably-sourced, high quality, high value, fish and seafood.

Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard is committed to supporting our fisheries and aquaculture industry during these difficult times. The Government of Canada is taking the necessary steps to ensure that you can continue to operate safely and effectively and we will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Visit our website to find out more: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/covid19/industry-industrie/index-eng.html>.

.../2



FOR INFORMATION:

Josiane Massiera
Resource Management
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Moncton, New Brunswick
506-851-7290
Josiane.Massiera@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Jérôme Beaulieu
Resource Management
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Quebec, Quebec
418-648-5891
Jerome.Beaulieu@dfo-mpo.gc.ca