



*Gulf Region*

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# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

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## **NOTICE OF FISHERIES CLOSURES: PRESENCE OF NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE**

**Moncton, NB – May 30, 2019** – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Gulf Region is providing a notice of new temporary fisheries closures of fishing areas due to the presence of North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW).

Due to the confirmed presence of NARW inside the dynamic management area, the following grids will be closing on **June 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT):

- Full grids **GV39, GW39, GW40 and GW41**
- Portion of grids **GU39, GU40, GV40 and GV41**

Also, due to the confirmed presence of three NARW outside the dynamic management area, the following grids will be closing on **June 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT):

- Full grid **GV46**
- Portion of grids **GW46 and GX46**

Please note that the following grids remain closed:

- Full grids **GV37, GV38, GW36, GW38, GU44, GV42, GV43, GV44, GV45, GW42, GW43, GW44, GW45, GX42, GX43, GX44, GX45, GY43, GY44, GY45, GY46, GY47.**
- Portions of grids **GU36, GU37, GU38, GV36, GW46, GX46, GX47.**

DFO is providing a **72 hours** advanced notice of a fishery closure. All gear must be removed from the closed area before the time of closure.

The closure will be in effect for the following fisheries where the fishing seasons are currently opened: Snow Crab, Toad crab, Rock Crab, Lobster, Whelk, Greenland Halibut (fixed gear) and Winter Flounder (fixed gear). The closure will also be in effect for Atlantic Halibut (fixed gear), Mackerel (gillnet) and Herring (gillnet) when gear is left unattended.

DFO asks licence holders to be vigilant during fishing activities concerning the presence of North Atlantic Right Whales. Furthermore, please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, amongst 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 safe fishing operations.

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The coordinates representing the contour of the **closed static area** are listed below:

Points	Position	
	North Latitude	West Longitude
<b>1</b>	48° 20' 0" N	63° 50' 0" W
<b>2</b>	47° 40' 0" N	63° 50' 0" W
<b>3</b>	47° 40' 0" N	64° 00' 0" W
<b>4</b>	47° 30' 0" N	64° 00' 0" W
<b>5</b>	47° 30' 0" N	64° 20' 0" W
<b>6</b>	47° 50' 0" N	64° 20' 0" W
<b>7</b>	48° 00' 0" N	64° 10' 0" W
<b>8</b>	48° 10' 0" N	64° 10' 0" W
<b>9</b>	48° 10' 0" N	64° 00' 0" W
<b>10</b>	48° 20' 0" N	64° 00' 0" W
<b>11</b>	48° 20' 0" N	63° 50' 0" W

*Area enclosed by rhumb lines (similar to straight lines plotted on a nautical chart) joining the points listed above in the order they are listed. Point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83). Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.*

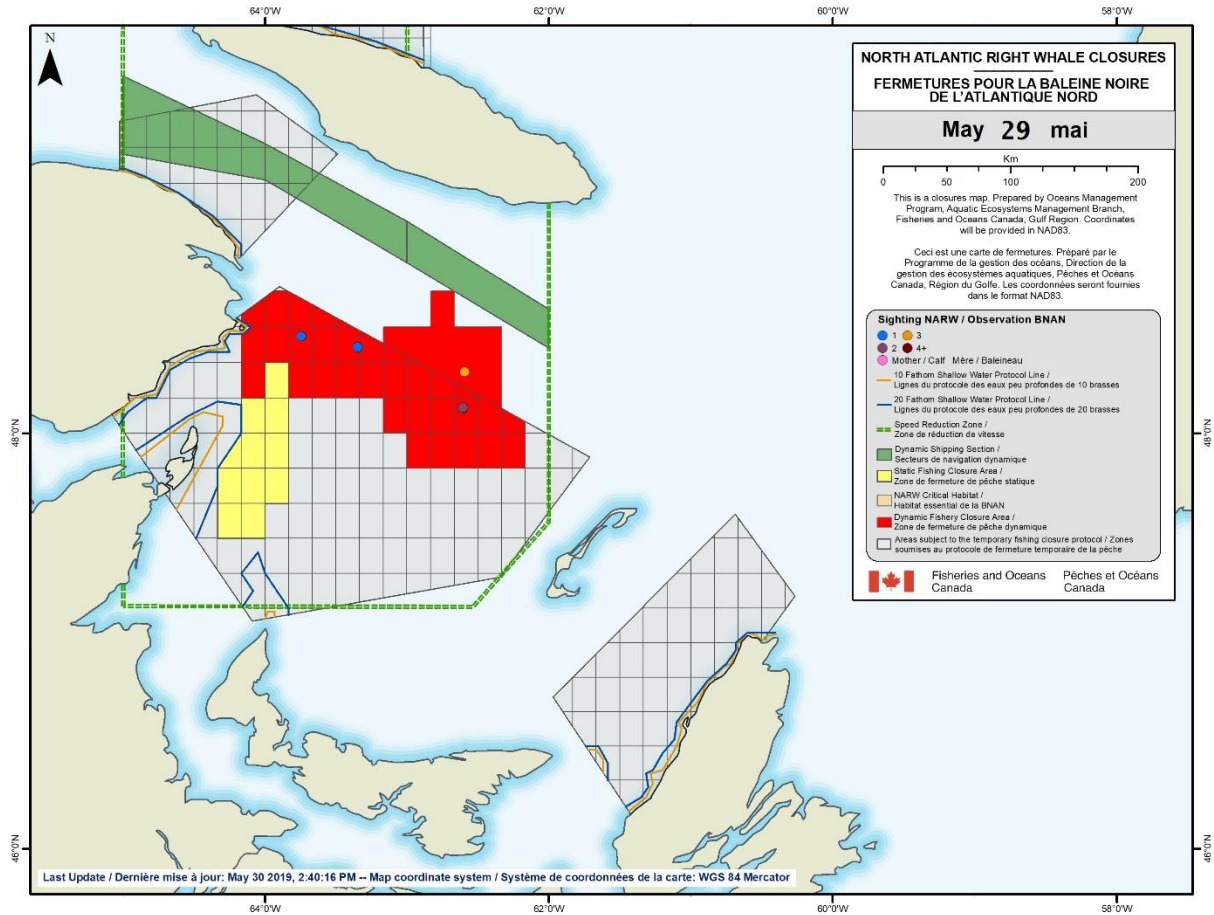
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The coordinates representing the contour of the **Fisheries dynamic management protocol** (all grids in red) for grids GU36 (portion), GU37 (portion), GU38 (portion), GU39 (portion), GU36 (portion), GV37, GV38, GV39, GV40 (portion), GV41 (portion), GW36, GW38, GW39, GW40, GW41, GU42, GU43, GU44, GV42, GV43, GV44, GV45, GV46, GW42, GW43, GW44, GW45, GW46, GX43, GX44, GX45, GX46, GX47, GY43, GY44, GY45, GY46 and GY47 are listed below:

Points	Positions	
	North Latitude	West Longitude
<b>1</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	62° 20' 0.0" W
<b>2</b>	48° 06' 55.8" N	62° 20' 0.0" W
<b>3</b>	48° 03' 15.7" N	62° 10' 0.0" W
<b>4</b>	47° 50' 0.0" N	62° 10' 0.0" W
<b>5</b>	47° 50' 0.0" N	63° 00' 0.0" W
<b>6</b>	48° 00' 0.0" N	63° 00' 0.0" W
<b>7</b>	48° 00' 0.0" N	63° 10' 0.0" W
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<b>9</b>	48° 10' 0.0" N	63° 50' 0.0" W
<b>10</b>	48° 20' 0.0" N	63° 50' 0.0" W
<b>11</b>	48° 20' 0.0" N	64° 00' 0.0" W
<b>12</b>	48° 10' 0.0" N	64° 00' 0.0" W
<b>13</b>	48° 10' 0.0" N	64° 10' 0.0" W
<b>14</b>	48° 28' 0.0" N	64° 10' 0.0" W
<b>15</b>	48° 28' 0.0" N	64° 09' 0.0" W
<b>16</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	64° 06' 0.0" W
<b>17</b>	48° 31' 38.7" N	64° 10' 0.0" W
<b>18</b>	48° 33' 26.2" N	64° 10' 0.0" W
<b>19</b>	48° 40' 0.0" N	63° 56' 36.3" W
<b>20</b>	48° 40' 0.0" N	63° 50' 10.1" W
<b>21</b>	48° 25' 16.1" N	63° 10' 0.0" W
<b>22</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	63° 10' 0.0" W
<b>23</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	62° 50' 0.0" W
<b>24</b>	48° 40' 0.0" N	62° 50' 0.0" W
<b>25</b>	48° 40' 0.0" N	62° 40' 0.0" W
<b>26</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	62° 40' 0.0" W
<b>27</b>	48° 30' 0.0" N	62° 20' 0.0" W

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Map identifying the grid closures in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence due to the presence of NARW.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Regular updates and maps indicating sightings will be posted at the following address:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/mammals-mammiferes/narightwhale-baleinenoirean/alert-alerte/index-eng.html>