



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR HEIGHT OF ESCAPE MECHANISMS FOR LOBSTER FISHING AREA (LFA) 26 B NORTH

Antigonish, NS – August 9, 2022 – Changes will be required in LFA 26 B North (approximate location between the ports of Margaree Harbor and Pleasant Bay) as per the recent announcement by Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), Gulf Region, of new requirements for the height of escape mechanisms for lobster with a minimum carapace size of 80 mm and greater,

The minimum lobster carapace size in LFA 26 B North is 82.5 mm and as per the table below the escape mechanism height needs to be increased to a minimum of 47 mm. This requirement will be implemented by Conditions of Licence for the 2023 fishing season.

Height and Length of Escape Mechanisms

Length of escape opening between 127 mm and less than 254 mm	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape opening
>73 mm to 76 mm	43 mm
>76 mm to 79 mm	44 mm
80 mm to 81 mm	46 mm
>81 mm to 83 mm	47 mm
>83 mm to 84 mm	48 mm
>84 mm to 85 mm	49 mm
Length of escape opening equal to or greater than 254 mm	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape opening
>73 mm to 76 mm	42 mm
>76 mm to 79 mm	43 mm
80 mm to 81 mm	46 mm
>81 mm to 83 mm	47 mm
>83 mm to 84 mm	48 mm
>84 mm to 85 mm	49 mm

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