



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN LOBSTER FISHING AREA 26A-3

Antigonish, NS – September 23, 2022 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the following modifications to lobster management measures for 2022 in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 26 A-3:

LFA 26 A-3

- The minimum legal carapace size for lobster in LFA 26 A-3 will be increased from 76 to **77 millimetres (mm)** for the 2023 fishing season.
- **The carapace size increase in LFA 26 A-3 to 77 mm will require an increase in the height of the escape mechanism. As per the table below the escape mechanism height needs to be increased to a minimum of 44 mm x 127 mm or 43 mm x 254 mm. This requirement will be implemented by Conditions of Licence for the 2023 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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