

Notice to Fish Harvesters

REPEALED: 2023 TRANSPORT CANADA RESTRICTED AREA

Transport Canada (TC) – [September 11, 14:00 EST] – This notice to fish harvesters is issued in accordance with the 2023 Transport Canada restricted area, as previously announced on March 31st, 2023, to protect North Atlantic right whales (NARW) in Canada. This notice is to alert fish harvesters that the restricted area is **repealed** via Navigational Warning on September 11, 2023. To note, all other TC NARW speed restriction measures are still in effect until November 15, 2023. For further information, please refer to the following link: <u>Protecting North</u> <u>Atlantic right whales from collisions with vessels in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (canada.ca)</u>

Note: Vessels **must follow** Navigational Warnings outlining the speed restrictions. The Interim Order for the Protection of North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, 2023 enables the issuance of Navigational Warnings (NAVWARNs) imposing speed restrictions or navigation restrictions.

Speed restriction zones are described in monthly Notices to Mariners (NOTMARs), which are published by the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG). The status of these zones is broadcasted through NAVWARNs, which are published by the CCG's Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) Centres.

Please refer to the latest NAVWARN issued by the CCG-MCTS for all speed restrictions currently in effect.

