

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2016 ROCK CRAB FISHERY IN LOBSTER FISHING AREA 26A

Moncton – July 18, 2016 - The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Gulf Region, wishes to advise that the fishery for rock crab in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 26A will open at 06:00 a.m. on August 1, 2016, and will close at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on November 26, 2016. These season dates are in keeping with the practice of opening the fishery on the first Monday in August and closing it at midnight on the last Saturday of November.

Biodegradable Panels

The use of biodegradable panels on all traps, including modified lobster traps, is mandatory. Please refer to your Licence Conditions for specifications on these panels.

All other management measures remain as per the previous management plan including:

Dockside

Monitoring: Licence holders are responsible for making arrangements with dockside monitoring companies for data entry of catch and effort information; a condition to this effect is included in all licences. Note that all the catch must be weighed in kilograms (kg) at one decimal point on an approved scale.

Logbooks: Logbooks/landing reports are mandatory and must be completed as stipulated in licence conditions.

Number of traps: Commercial licences - 90 traps.
Communal commercial licences – 90 traps.

Catch limitation: Commercial licences – 23,913 kg.
Communal commercial licences – 23,913 kg.

Minimum size: Only male rock crabs, with a minimum carapace width size of 108 mm, may be retained in the directed fishery.

DFO will continue to honour the principle that prioritizes the fishery as follows: lobster by-catch; lobster bait; directed rock crab fishery.

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