



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN LOBSTER FISHING AREAS 24 and 26A-1

Moncton, NB – February 03, 2022 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the following modifications to lobster management measures for 2022 in Lobster Fishing Areas (LFA) 24 and 26A-1:

LFA 24

- The minimum legal carapace size for lobster in LFA 24 will be increased from 74 to **75 millimetres (mm)** for the 2022 fishing season.

LFA 26 A1

- The minimum legal carapace size for lobster in LFA 26 A-1 will be increased from 74 to **75 millimetres (mm)** for the 2022 fishing season. The minimum size will remain at 75 mm, for the 2023 season and then increase to 76 mm for the 2024 season.

These carapace size increases in LFA 24 and LFA 26 A-1, will not require a change to the minimum escape mechanism size. It will remain the same as in the 2021 fishing season, at a minimum of either 43 mm x 127 mm or 42 mm x 254 mm.

Length of escape opening between 127 mm and less than 254 mm	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape openings
>71 mm to 73 mm	42 mm
>73 mm to 76 mm	43 mm
>76 mm	44 mm
Length of escape opening equal to or greater than 254 mm	
Minimum legal carapace size	Minimum height of escape opening
>71 mm to 73 mm	41 mm
>73 mm to 76 mm	42 mm
>76 mm to 80 mm	43 mm
>80 mm	44 mm except in the following LFAs: LFA 26B North: 46 mm LFA 26B South: 47 mm

The opening date of the fishery and further details on the other management measures will be issued at a later date.

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