

| Target Species | Fleet or Fishery | Gear Type | |
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| | | | Key Areas |
| Mixed GF | FG<45' | Demersal Longline, Gillnet | 4VWX5 |
| | FG 45-65' | Demersal Longline | 4VWX5 |
| | MG ITQ <65' | Otter trawl | 4VWX5 |
| | Aboriginal MG <65' | Otter trawl | 4VWX5 |
| | FSC | Various | |
| | Rec. | Various | |
| Squid | Squid Fishing areas 17-21 (ECMR is in SFA 20) | Any GF <65' licence holder can apply for a licence to fish squid using: Handline or Jigger GF MG licence holders can also apply to fish squid using: Otter Trawl Herring or mackerel purse seine licence holders can apply to fish squid using: Purse Seine | SFAs 17-21 Area within 4WX described in document entitled, Squid by Otter Trawl Fishing Areas and Area closures.docx SFA 17-20 |
| Hagfish | 4VWX (offshore) | Barrel | Midshore as defined in the COLS |
| Scallop | SFA 25= ESS + Banquereau (offshore) | Scallop drag | |
| Offshore Surf clam | Sable Island Bank | Hydraulic dredge | Sable Island Bank area as defined in COLS |
| Offshore Surf | Banquereau Bank area | Hydraulic dredge | Banquereau Bank Area as defined in COLS |

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| clam | | | |
| Sea Cucumber | 4W mid-shore, 4W offshore, 4Vs, and 4X | Dredge | Fishing areas in Sea cucumber fishing areas document |
| Herring and Mackerel | Bait and CC bait | Gillnet and handline | Entire study area, localized to more coastal areas |
| Herring | Fixed Gear (gillnet & trap net) and rec, | Fixed Gear - Gillnet & Trap Net | Specatacle Buoy. Little Hope Roe Box and Eastern Shore Roe Box |
| | Mobile Gear | Purse seine | Seal Island, German Bank, Offshore Scotian Banks and "The Patch" |
| Mackerel | Fixed Gear (gillnet, handline, trap net) and rec, | Gillnet, handline, trap net, angling (rec only) | Entire study area |
| | Mobile Gear | Purse seine | Authorized to only fish in MFAs 17, 18 and 19. |
| Swordfish and other tunas | PLL Fleet | Pelagic Longline, Harpoon, Trolling, Handline, Buoy Gear | 3LMNOP 4VsWX+5 Outside EEZ in international waters |
| | Offshore Tuna | Pelagic Longline | 3LMNOP 4VsWX+5 Outside EEZ in international waters |
| | Harpoon Only Fleets (Class A quota Fleet, Class A competitive, and Class B opportunistic) | Harpoon | 3LMNOP 4VsWX+5 Outside EEZ in international waters |
| Bluefin tuna | Offshore Tuna | Pelagic Longline | 3LMNOP 4VsWX+5 Outside EEZ in international waters |
| | Pelagic Longline Fleet 4VsWX+5 (by-catch) | Pelagic Longline | 3LMNOP 4VsWX+5 Outside EEZ in international waters |
| | Ex-Sector Fleets (Gulf, NL, and Quebec Regions) | Electric harpoon, Rod and reel, or Tended line, Green Stick | 4VsWX+5 |
| | (SWNS Fleet + 4Wd fleet) and St. Margaret's Bay Fleet | Electric harpoon, Rod and reel, or Tended line, Green Stick | 4VsWX+5 |
| Whelk | 4W and 4Vs exploratory licences (offshore) | Trap | Banquereau Bank Area - see whelk fishing areas and closed areas document |
| Shrimp | SFA 13-15 | Modified otter trawl | SFA 13, 14, 15, 16 |
| | | Traps | SFA 15, Chedabucto Bay |

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| Shark | Rec and charter, 4VWX5 | Rod and reel | 4VWX5 |
| Red Crab | Restricted to 4XW and 5Z, with additional depth restriction (can't fish <200 fathoms in waters east of 64°30'00" west latitude, or <220 when west of that point) | Traps | 4XW and 5Z |
| Rock crab | See Key Area (Tab) | Traps | LFA 27 |
| | | | LFA 29/31a/31b/32 |
| | | | LFA 34 |
| | | | LFA 35 |
| | | | LFA 36 |
| Jonah Crab | See Key Area (Tab) | Traps | LFA 32 |
| | | | LFA 33 |
| | | | LFA 34 |
| | | | LFA 38 |

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| Green Crab | | | ENSS and SWNS |
| Snow crab | | Traps | |
| | See Key Area (Tab) | Traps | CFA 20-22 |
| | | Traps | CFA 23 |
| | | Traps | CFA 24 |
| | | Traps | 4X (CFA 24W) |
| Inshore Quahaug | | Inshore Hydraulic Clam Dredge | Coastal & intertidal waters |
| Inshore Clams | Non-vessel based fishery | Hand or Handheld tools | Coastal & intertidal waters |
| Oysters | | Handheld tools | Coastal & intertidal waters |
| Mussels | | Handheld tools | Coastal & intertidal waters |
| Lobster | | Traps | LFA 27 |
| | | Traps | LFA 29 |
| | | Traps | LFA 30 |
| | | Traps | LFA 31a |
| | | Traps | LFA 32 |
| | | Traps | LFA 33 |
| | | Traps | LFA 34 |
| | | Traps | LFA 40 |

| | Offshore | Traps | LFA 41 |
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| Scallop | Offshore SFA 25 | Scallop drag | Middle, Sable and Banquereau Banks |
| | Offshore SFA 26 | Scallop drag | Browns and German Banks |
| | Offshore SFA 27 | Scallop drag | Georges Bank |
| | Inshore SFA 28A | Scallop drag | SPA 3 |
| | Inshore SFA 29 East | Scallop drag | western portion |
| | Inshore SFA 29 West | Scallop drag | subareas B, C, and D |
| | Rec SFA 28A, 29 | dip, dive, tongs | throughout |

| Distribution | | Trends (e.g., summer fishing distribution vs winter) |
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| Key Times | Closures | |
| 4VWX5Y: year round 5Z: opens January 1 and then closes on the 5th Sunday until June 1st ; reopens June 1-Dec 31. | See document entitled, Areas Closed to Fixed Gear Groundfish Fishing.docx | |
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| July 1-December 31 | See document entitled, Fishing Closures for Squid by Jigger and Handline.docx | |
| July 1-December 31 | See document entitled, Squid by Otter Trawl Fishing Areas and Area closures.docx | |
| July 1-December 31 | See document entitled, Areas Closed to Squid Fishing By Purse Seine | |
| April 15 - October 15 | See document entitled, Hagfish fishing areas and | |
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| Jan 1- Dec 31st | See document entitled, Areas Closed to Offshore Clam Fishing | Offshore Clam Fishing is year-round |
| Jan 1- Dec 31st | See document entitled, Areas | Offshore Clam Fishing is |

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| | Closed to Offshore Clam Fishing | year-round |
| May 1 - Mar 31 | | |
| Open year round, activity peaks in September/October | See document entitled "Bait Fishery Overview" | Fishery is most active in the Summer/Fall |
| Open year round, activity peaks in September/October | See document entitled "Herring Overview" | Fishery is most active in the Summer/Fall |
| Open year round, fleet is most active from June to November | See document entitled "Herring Overview" | Fishery is most active in the Spring through fall. Minimal winter fishing |
| Commercial is open year round, activity is high from June to October. Recreational fishery is open from April 1 to December 31 | See document entitled "Mackerel Overview" | Fishery is most active in the Spring through fall. Minimal winter fishing |
| Open year round, fleet has not been active since 2019 | See document entitled "Mackerel Overview" | |
| Year round. Season open from April 1 - March 31. | See document: Swordfish Closures | May to November inclusively are the busy months |
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| Season open from June 1 - Dec 31. | See document: Swordfish Closures | June to September inclusively are the busy months |
| Year round. Season open from April 1 - March 31. or Closes when 20 BFT quota allocation is caught. | Offshore Tuna Licence Closures | May to November inclusively are the busy months |
| Year round. Season open from April 1 - March 31. | See document: Swordfish Closures | May to November inclusively are the busy months |
| Year round. Season open from June 24 XX - June 23 XX. | See document: R&R BFT Closed Areas | July to November inclusively are the busy months |
| Year round. Season open from June 24 XX - June 23 XX. | See document: R&R BFT Closed Areas | July to November inclusively are the busy months |
| June 1st - November 31 | See whelk fishing areas and closed areas document | |
| January 1 to December 31, high activity starts in June and ends in December | | |
| January 1 to December 31 | | |

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| Season open April 1 and ending on December 31. (July to September highest activity) | Prohibited from fishing in MPAs including: a. In Zone 1 of the St. Anns Bank Marine Protected Area | (July to September highest activity) |
| January 1 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | Entire Year |
| August 15 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| August 7 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| March 1 to August 18 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| August 7 to October 7 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| March 1 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| June 27 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| April 1 to November 10 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| June 18 to November 10 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| March 1 to October 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |

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| January 1 to December 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | Entire Year |
| April 11 to August 18 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| March 15 to August 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| March 15 to August 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
| November 1 to March 31 | See document entitled, Areas closed to fishing activity (Crabs - all species).docx | |
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| | Closure times are mentioned | |
| September 15 to November 30 | Commerical fisheriy closure times are mentioned in MPFRs | |
| Key Times | Closure times are mentioned in the MPFRs (https://laws-lois . | |
| May 15 - July 15 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| April 30 - June 30 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| May 19 - July 20 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| April 29 - June 20 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| April 19 - June 20 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| Last Monday in November - May 31 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| Last Monday in November - May 31 | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |
| Closed to inshore lobster | See document entitled "Inshore Lobster Overview" | |

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| January 1 - December 31 | See document entitled "Offshore Lobster Overview" | |
| January 1 - December 31 | See document entitled "Areas closed to Offshore Scallop Fish" | |
| January 1 - December 31, except June 1 to November 15 | See document entitled "Areas closed to Offshore Scallop Fish" | |
| January 1 - December 31 | See document entitled "Areas closed to Offshore Scallop Fish" | |
| October 1 to November 15 and June 1 to September 30 | See document entitled "Areas closed to Inshore Scallop Fish" | |
| July to October | See document entitled "Areas closed to Inshore Scallop Fish" | |
| June to August | See document entitled "Areas closed to Inshore Scallop Fish" | |
| Year round | see links | |

Notes

Groundfish includes: Spiny Dogfish, Atlantic Cod, Halibut, Haddock, Pollock, flatfish, redfish, Silver Hake, Winter flounder, Argentine, Squid, Sculpin,

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See document entitled "Bait Fishery Overview"

See document entitled "Herring Overview"

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See document entitled "Mackerel Overview"

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Occur in all waters throughout NS. 66 Licences.

Exploratory - transitions to commercial in 2024

14 active licences in Maritimes

9 active licences

In 2022, there were 329 Rec Shark Licences issued

2 commercial licences; fixed TAC of 300 t; Offshore fishery
Licenced for NAFO divisions 4WX5Z
Restricted to fishing depths >200 or >220 fathoms (depending on
area)

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Managed by LFA (lobster fishing area) boundaries

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| 6 EA commercial licences |
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| 100 Full Bay licences |
| ~170 licence holders |
| only open in subareas A to E; 164 commercial / commercial communal licences; FSC drag |
| ~1500 annual licences |

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[Commercial fisheries for Rock crab, Toad crab and Jonah crab \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

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[European Green Crab \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)

[Commercial fisheries for Snow crab \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)



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[Lobster Fishing Areas 27 - 38 - Integrated Fisheries Management Plan \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](#)

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