

**Effective Dates for Mandatory Gear (Rope) Marking  
for Fixed Gear Fisheries in Maritimes Region**

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Season Opening</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<i>Lobster fisheries</i>		
LFA 27-32	April/May 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
Area 38B	June 30, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
LFA 33-38	Oct/Nov 2020	<b>Oct/Nov 2020</b>
LFA 41	January 1, 2021	<b>January 1, 2021</b>
<i>Snow crab fisheries</i>		
CFA 20-22, 23, 24	Mid-March to April 1, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
4X (CFA 24W)	November 1, 2020	<b>November 1, 2020</b>
<i>Jonah crab fisheries</i>		
LFA 38	March 1, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
LFA 33	April 1, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
LFA 32 and 34	June 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
<i>Rock crab fisheries</i>		
LFA 34 and 36	March 1, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
LFA 27, 29/31a/31b/32, 35	August 2020	<b>August 2020</b>
<i>Other fisheries</i>		
Groundfish	Year-round fishery. Licence conditions next issued for April 1, 2020.	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
Hagfish	April 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
Whelk	Exploratory fishery. No fixed opening date.	<b>July 1, 2020 or upon the start of fishing, whichever is later</b>
Herring	January 1, 2021	<b>January 1, 2021</b>
Mackerel	April 1, 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
Red crab	May 2020	<b>July 1, 2020</b>
Shrimp	January 1, 2021	<b>January 1, 2021</b>