

Consultation Summary and Record of Recommendations for 2018/19 Total Allowable Catches of Northern and Striped Shrimp in the Eastern Assessment Zone and Western Assessment Zone

The Department held an Indigenous Pre-Meeting of the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee on March 6 with Indigenous Groups of the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee (NSAC). It was well attended by the following groups, with the first 7 groups having direct interests in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones (EAZ and WAZ):

1. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
2. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
3. Nunavut Fishery Association
4. Torngat Fish Producers Co-Op
5. Baffin Fisheries Coalition
6. Qikiqtaaluk Corporation
7. Makivik Corporation
8. NunatuKavut Community Council
9. Innu Nation
10. Torngat Fisheries Management Board
11. Nunatsiavut Government
12. Northern Coalition

In addition to the above Indigenous groups, Cumberland Sound / Pangnirtung Fisheries, Arctic Fisheries Alliance and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board received invitations to attend.

At the Indigenous Pre-Meeting, the Department gave an overview of the Science update, and management options as outlined in the Briefing Note / Addendum to the Boards for the WAZ and the EAZ, noting that the views of the offshore fleet and other stakeholders would be solicited at the NSAC meeting the following day for the EAZ. The Department invited participants to provide their views on TACs in both areas, with a reminder that the Nunavut and Nunavik Boards have a decision making role in WAZ, and a decision and advice role in the EAZ. The Department encouraged Nunavut and Nunavik industry to make their views on TACs known to their respective Board, especially in the WAZ, which would not be discussed the following day at NSAC. Stakeholders did not provide comments or views on the 2018/19 TACs in either area at this meeting.

The NSAC meeting (March 7, 2018) was attended by the above mentioned groups, as well as provincial governments from Atlantic Canada and Quebec, the offshore and inshore fleets, licence holders, processors, individual harvesters and fleet chairs. The Department asked for stakeholder recommendations for TACs for both species in the EAZ.

Stakeholder views for the EAZ:

- The Canadian Association of Prawn Producers (CAPP), the Northern Coalition (NC) and the Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA) supported a 7,840t TAC which is a 20% exploitation rate (ER) for Borealis.
- CAPP, the NC and NFA called for a rollover of 840t Montaguui (3.4% ER).

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