



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

2022-2024 CLAM MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Tracadie, N.B. – March 24, 2022 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is releasing today the 2022-2024 management plan for commercial and recreational clam fisheries in Eastern New Brunswick.

Management Measures for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 commercial clam fishing seasons:

- *Minimum size for the commercial fishery:*

Soft-shell clam: 50 mm

Bar clam: 102 mm

Bay quahaug: 50 mm

Razor clam: No size limit

- *Daily commercial fishing quotas:*

Bar clams: 300

Other clams: No daily limit, except Heron Island (inside a line drawn 500 meters around Heron Island) where the limit is 500 soft-shell clams.

- *Opening and Closing dates and fishing areas for commercial fishing:*

Inland and tidal waters of that portion of New Brunswick that borders on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Northumberland Strait including that portion of Bay des Chaleurs inside a line drawn 500 meters around l'Île aux Hérons, except for the waters mentioned below, will be **open** to fishing commercially for:

Bar clams: from April 1 to June 30 and from September 1 to December 31.

Soft-shell clams, bay quahaugs and razor clams: from April 1 to December 31.

The area between Johnston Point and the Nova Scotia/New Brunswick Border at Baie Verte, Westmorland County, **will stay closed for commercial clam fishery.**

- *Commercial fishing methods:*

Hand and with hand-held tools, and any other method as indicated in the licence conditions.

Diving for all species of clams is not permitted in the commercial fishery.

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Management Measures for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 recreational clam fishing season:

- Minimum size for the recreational fishery:

Soft-shell clam: 50 mm
Bar clam: 102 mm
Bay quahaug: 50 mm
Razor clam: No size limit

- Daily recreational fishing quotas:

No more than 100 clams, of all species combined from any or all of the following species can be caught and retained in any day: bar clam, bay quahaug, razor clam and soft-shell clam.

- Opening and Closing dates and fishing areas for recreational fishing:

Inland and tidal waters of that portion of New Brunswick that borders on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Northumberland Strait including that portion of Bay des Chaleurs inside a line drawn 500 meters around l'Île aux Hérons, will be **open** to recreational fishing for:

Bar clams: from April 1 to June 30 and from September 1 to December 31.

Soft-shell clams, bay quahaugs and razor clams: from April 1 to December 31.

The area between Johnston Point and the Nova Scotia/New Brunswick Border at Baie Verte, Westmorland County, will open to recreational fishing for:

Soft-shell clams, bar clams, bay quahaugs and razor clams:

from April 1 to May 31 and from October 2 to December 31.

- Recreational fishing methods:

Hand or with hand-held tools.

Diving for all species of clams is not permitted in the recreational fishery.

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