

2011/2012 RED SEA URCHIN FISHERY NORTH COAST FISHING PROTOCOL

Part 1: Vessel Monitoring System Protocol

A Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) will be piloted by the two north coast fleets for the 2011/2012 season in order to increase monitoring efficiency.

For the 2011/2012 season the following vessels will be piloting a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for the North Coast licence area:

Vessel	Vessel Master	Contact Number

- There will be a limit of two separate fleets allowed to operate within the north coast region at any time. This includes the central coast.
- Each north coast fleet must have at least one vessel equipped with a functional VMS or fishing activity will have to be ceased.
- The vessel(s) equipped with the VMS must be a vessel actively engaged in fishing (i.e. not a live-aboard).
- Vessels equipped with the VMS must check that the system is operational prior to commencing fishing activity.
- The VMS must stay on for the entire red sea urchin season unless the vessel has ceased fishing for the remainder of the season.
- If a fleet does not have at least one vessel with a functioning VMS, fishing activity may be suspended by closing the area.

The following RU areas will be designated as Non-VMS areas for the 2011-12 season:

RU Area	Name	Quota
RU55	Hakai Pass	55,000
RU56a	Nalau Pass	40,000
RU56b	Fitz Hugh Sound	72,000
RU57a	Rivers Inlet	100,000
RU57b	West Calvert Island	12,000
RU57c	Grief Bay	30,000
RU58	Smiths Inlet	200,000

A VMS is not required to fish in the Non-VMS areas.

Part 2: On-Grounds Co-ordinator Protocol

PUHA has designated the following members, but not limited to, as "On-Grounds Co-ordinators" (OGC). The OGCs will communicate with D&D at the beginning and end of each fishing day.

The OGC requirement is essential at all times no matter how small the fleet. In the event there is not a designated OGC on the grounds and there is no communication with D&D, fishing activity will be suspended by closing the area.

Area	Name	Vessel
North Coast	Bob Hegedus	Westport 1
North Coast	John Parkins	Aquastar
North Coast	Al Shanks	G-Star
North Coast	Gary Grant	Jagis/Pugwis
North Coast	James Ridgway	Karohshi
North and South Coast	David McRae	Kuroshio
North and South Coast	Gordon Angrinon	Forager
North and South Coast	John Lindsay	Second Wind
North and South Coast	Mike Boyd	CCC

OGC Checklist

Morning Report (Prior to fishing activity)	
1 Confirm Fishing & Vessels	Confirm if it is a fishing day or not, if so provide a vessel count with names for the quota area open, and any issues to be addressed.
2 Area Remaining Quotas	D&D will provide the OGC with the actual or estimated remaining quotas by area and go over possible fishing plans or vessel limits.
3 Vessel Harvest Limit	In the event that the remaining quota in an area to be fished is insufficient for a full day's production, the remaining pounds will be divided equally amongst the fleet. The OGC will convey the vessel limit to the fleet. <u>No same day area changes or new hauls</u> will be permitted during a harvest limit or clean-up – NO EXCEPTIONS
Evening Report (After fishing activity)	
1 Catch Info by Area	Provide the total packer weight by quota area. It is the responsibility of the OGC to ensure the packer weights are provided to D&D in a timely manner. It is the packer's responsibility to relay load information to the offloaders & Port Observer.
2 Game Plan	Keep D&D up to date with the talk on the grounds with respect to roe quality, weather outlook and general discussions on moving to a new area. Keep in mind <u>same day decisions to move to a new area will NOT BE PERMITTED - NO EXCEPTIONS</u>
3 Area Remaining Quotas	D&D will provide the OGC with the estimated remaining quota by area, and go over possible fishing plans or vessel limits for the next day.
1-800-775-5505 or 1-604-886-4819	

- A maximum of four quota areas can be opened and available for fishing by each fleet. However, the fleet is limited to fishing one area at a time unless approved by DFO.
- If an area is selected outside of the four previously opened areas this requires advance planning and a minimum of 48 hours notice (not including weekends and holidays) to open prior to fishing.
- Attempts will be made to complete each quota area before moving to a new area. If weather or roe quality prevents further fishing effort in a quota area the fleet will be permitted to move to another area, as a group, but will not be permitted to switch within the same day.
- Clean-up protocol involves the estimated or actual remaining quota for an area to be divided equally between all vessels hailed prior to the day of the clean-up. Each vessel will have a harvest limit imposed, any overages of this limit will be tracked and reported to DFO.