

November 19, 2014

STANDING FISH PRICE-SETTING PANEL
SEA URCHIN HEARING RESCHEDULED

On February 11th, 2014, the Standing Fish Price-Setting Panel released its Schedule of Hearings for 2014. On March 12th, 2014, at the request of industry, the Panel issued a notification advising of a change in the hearing date for the species Sea Urchin.

Please be advised that at the request of industry, the hearing has been rescheduled. The deadline for the parties to collective bargaining to have a binding collective agreement in place on price and conditions of sale for the species Sea urchin is now November 26th, 2014. In the absence of a binding agreement, the Panel will conduct a hearing on November 27th, 2014 at 2:30 pm at the Labour Relations Board Hearings Room on the ground floor of the Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, St. John's, NL.

There was no majority processor or processors' organization identified by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for the species Sea Urchin. Accordingly, in the event a collective agreement binding on all processors in the province that process Sea Urchin has not been achieved when indicated, the Panel will hold a hearing on the scheduled hearing date, at which time it will hear presentations regarding price and conditions of sale.

The parties before the Panel may include a processor, a processors' organization and the Fish Food and Allied Workers. Presentations will be accepted by the Panel from a processor, processors' organization and the Fish Food and Allied Workers representatives at the hearing. The Panel shall decide on all matters in dispute between the parties relating to price and conditions of sale for Sea Urchin and the decision of the Panel is final and binding on the parties and all other processors that process that species of fish to which the Panel's decision relates and constitutes a collective agreement or part of a collective agreement between them.

In the event of a hearing on Sea Urchin, parties are to provide the Panel with written submissions not later than 24 hours before the scheduled hearing time and date by fax, at (709) 729-3528, by e-mail at vandrews@gov.nl.ca, or by delivery to the Panel's office at the Labour Relations Agency, 3rd Floor, Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6.

The parties are reminded of the latest amendment to the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act, Section 19.9 (2.1) that requires that a party who has engaged in collective bargaining, may not make a submission to the Panel at a hearing unless that party has submitted an offer respecting price and conditions of sale to the other party not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the hearing.

If you require further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Vince Andrews at (709) 729-2711.

Sincerely,

Vince Andrews
for **JOSEPH P. O'NEILL**
Chair