

March 6, 2024

## STANDING FISH PRICE-SETTING PANEL

### SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS FOR 2024

This is to advise that as per Section 19 of the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*, the Standing Fish Price-Setting Panel is setting the following dates, by which Collective Agreements binding on all processors in the province that process these individual fish species must be in effect. In the absence of such binding agreements, the Panel will conduct the following hearings:

<b>Species</b>	<b>Date by which binding Collective Agreements are to be in effect</b>	<b>Potential Hearing Date</b>
Halibut	April 1, 2024	March 7, 2024
Crab	April 4, 2024	March 22, 2024
Lobster	April 15, 2024	April 4, 2024
Spring Shrimp	April 29, 2024	April 12, 2024
Lumproe	May 13, 2024	May 2, 2024
Whelk	May 13, 2024	May 2, 2024
Cod	May 20, 2024	May 9, 2024
Sea Cucumber	June 3, 2024	May 3, 2024
Turbot	June 3, 2024	May 24, 2024
Capelin	June 17, 2024	June 6, 2024
Summer Shrimp	n/a	June 13, 2024
Herring	July 15, 2024	July 5, 2024
Squid	July 22, 2024	July 11, 2024
Mackerel	August 19, 2024	August 9, 2024
Fall Shrimp	n/a	September 6, 2024

**For the Species Capelin, Cod, Crab, Mackerel, Shrimp, Whelk, Herring, Squid, Lobster, Halibut, Turbot and Sea Cucumber:**

1. The Panel has been advised by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, that the Association of Seafood Producers represents processors that process the majority percentage of the fish species Capelin, Cod, Crab, Mackerel, Shrimp, Whelk, Herring, Squid, Lobster, Halibut, Turbot and Sea Cucumber.
2. Under Section 19(11) of the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*, in the absence of a collective agreement between a certified bargaining agent and a processors' organization representing processors that process the majority percentage of a fish species, the Panel shall hear and consider their submissions on price and conditions of sale, and shall make a decision with respect to those submissions. The decision of the Panel is final and binding on the parties and all other processors that process the species Capelin, Cod, Crab, Mackerel, Shrimp, Whelk, Herring, Squid, Lobster, Halibut, Turbot and Sea Cucumber.
3. Should the hearings for these species proceed on the scheduled hearing dates, the parties before the Panel will be the Fish, Food and Allied Workers' Union and the Association of Seafood Producers. No other submissions will be accepted by the Panel, and should any representative of this species wish to attend the hearing, concurrence from both parties to the collective bargaining process must be obtained.

**For the Species Lumproe:**

There was no majority processor or processors' organization identified by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture for the species Lumproe. Accordingly, in the event a collective agreement binding on all processors in the province that process the species Lumproe 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' Union. Presentations will be accepted by the Panel from a processor, processors' organization and the Fish, Food and Allied Workers' Union representatives at the hearing. The Panel shall decide on all matters in dispute between the parties relating to price and conditions of sale for



the fish species, 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 Lumproe, parties are to provide the Panel with written submissions not later than 24 hours before the scheduled hearing time and date by e-mail to [GlennGeorge@gov.nl.ca](mailto:GlennGeorge@gov.nl.ca) or to the Panel's office at the Labour Relations Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6.

If you require further information on this schedule, please feel free to contact Glenn George at (709) 729-2711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheilagh M. Murphy".

**SHEILAGH M. MURPHY, KC**  
Chair