

STANDING FISH PRICE-SETTING PANEL

SQUID FISHERY – 2012

By notice dated the 9th day of March, 2012, the Panel advised that collective agreements binding on all processors in the Province that process the species Squid, must be in effect by August 6, 2012. In the absence of such binding agreements, the Panel advised that a hearing with respect to price and conditions of sale for the species Squid would be held on Tuesday, August 7th, 2012 at the Labour Relations Board Hearings Room, Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, St. John's, NL.

The Panel further advised that it had been informed by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture that no majority processor or processor's organization had been identified for the species Squid. The Panel further advised that in the event of a hearing, the parties appearing before the Panel may include a processor, a processor's organization and the Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW). Also, in the event of a hearing, the parties are to provide the Panel with written submissions not later than 24 hours before the scheduled hearing time and date. The Panel also noted that Section 19.9 (2.1) of the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act, 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.

The only party to appear before the Panel was the FFAW, having filed its submission (copy attached). The Panel received no other representations with respect to Squid.


The FFAW proposal is simply put. It has reached an agreement with the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP) on price and conditions of sale for the 2012 Fishery. No other processor or processor's organization responded to the request to bargain. The request is to have the Panel accept this negotiated settlement as the decision of the Panel.

In the absence of any other proposal for consideration, the Panel accepts the position of the FFAW. Prices and conditions of sale for the 2012 Squid Fishery will be as set out in the attached 2012 Squid Schedule. This Squid Schedule will form a collective agreement or part of a collective agreement between processors and the FFAW, and will be binding on all processors of Squid in the Province.

Dated at St. John's this 8th day of August, 2012.



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