

Should you have any questions or wish to obtain a copy of the *Fish Inspection Act* or regulations please contact the Department 729-3717 or visit: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/consolidation>

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harvesting **REGULATIONS**

Regulations

THERE ARE 4 SETS OF REGULATIONS UNDER THE FISH INSPECTION ACT

- Fish Inspection Administrative Regulations;
- In-Province Retail Fish Establishment Regulations;
- Fish Inspection Operations Regulations; and
- Fish Inspection Ticket Offences Regulations.

Penalties

THE RANGE OF PENALTIES ARE:

- Formal warnings;
- Tickets;
- Administrative penalties; or
- In addition to these penalty provisions, a person may be charged for an offence and if found guilty may be fined:
 - **1st offence:** \$5,000 - \$20,000 (or imprisonment for 1 to 6 months or both)
 - **2nd offence:** \$20,000 - \$50,000 (or imprisonment for 2 to 6 months or both)
 - **3rd offence:** \$50,000 - \$100,000 (or imprisonment for 3 to 6 months or both)
- Also, any product detained or seized may be forfeited to the Crown.

Did you Know?

- The *Fish Inspection Act* and regulations apply to fish and marine plants.
- A fish harvester is only permitted to use his or her establishment for washing, gutting, salting, sorting, handling, drying or icing his or her catch.
- Fish harvesters are only permitted to sell their catch to a fish buyer or processor licensed by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- An inspector may order your fish to be disposed if it is tainted, decomposed or unwholesome (TDU). Dead crab is considered to be TDU.

- Fish must be protected from damage, contamination and weather at all times.
- You may not smoke, spit, eat, chew gum or store food or other personal items where fish is handled.
- A person handling fish shall not wear jewelry, fingernail polish or other personal adornment.
- Dogs (or other pets) are not allowed on a vessel or other vehicle where fish is handled.
- Fish holds, penboards and shelving shall be made of smooth, non-absorbant and non-corrodible material and if made of wood, must be coated with such material and must be resistant to chipping. You may not smoke, spit, eat, chew gum or store food or other personal items where fish is handled.
- Fish handling equipment must be able to be cleaned from an approved source of water and disinfected.
- If fish is stored against bulkheads, the bulkheads must be water tight and well insulated.
- Please refer to the Fish Inspection Operations Regulations for stacking and temperature requirements for your fish.

