

CONDITIONS OF 2017/ 2018 GREEN SEA URCHIN LICENCE  
Licence Period: September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018

Authority

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has authority to set licence conditions under subsection 22(1) of the Fishery (General) Regulations for the proper management and control of fisheries and the conservation and protection of fish.

Persons fishing under authority of this licence may only do so in accordance with the conditions stated below.

Also, it is the responsibility of individual harvesters to be informed of, and comply with, the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder, in addition to these conditions.

For information on management of the Green Sea Urchin fishery obtain a copy of the current Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Green Sea Urchin. The Management Plan is intended for general information purposes only. Where there is a discrepancy between the Plan and the Fisheries Act and regulations or these conditions, the Fisheries Act and regulations and these conditions prevail.

Definitions

"Area" and "Subarea" have the same meaning as in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007.

"container" means a mesh pick bag, a mesh transport bag, a plastic tote, or a cage used for the gathering, handling or transportation of Green Sea Urchin.

"Department" means the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

"discarded" means not placing the Green Sea Urchin in a container or removing a Green Sea Urchin from a container and not validating that Green Sea Urchin.

"harvested" means removing, by any means, Green Sea Urchin from the substrate of the ocean floor.

"landed" or "landing" means the transfer of Green Sea Urchin from a vessel in water to land.

"observer" means an individual who has been designated as an observer by the Regional Director General for Pacific Region pursuant to section 39 of the Fishery (General) Regulations.

"Quota Area" means those areas enumerated and described in Appendix 1 of the current Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Green Sea Urchin.

"tranship" means the transfer of Green Sea Urchin from a vessel to another vessel.

"validated" means Green Sea Urchin that have been weighed by an observer and the weight entered into the Green Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log or an alternative log approved by the Department.

"vessel registration number (VRN)" means the number assigned to a vessel by the Department at the time the vessel is registered as a fishing vessel.

1. Species of fish permitted to be taken:

Green Sea Urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*)

2. Licence Expiry Date:

This licence expires on August 31, 2018.

3. Quantities permitted to be taken:

The maximum quantity of Green Sea Urchin authorized to be taken under this licence is 4552.3 kg (10,036 lb.) of Green Sea Urchin harvested from within the area set out in this licence subject to all applicable regulations.

4. Waters in which fishing is permitted:

Area of fishing is as set out in this licence.

5. Fishing gear permitted to be used:

Hand picking by divers only. Suction devices are not permitted to be used.

6. Fishing multiple Quota Areas:

All Green Sea Urchin caught in a Quota Area shall be landed or transhipped prior to the commencement of fishing in a new Quota Area.

7. The type, size and condition of containers to hold or transport Green Sea Urchin and the marking of such containers:

(1) All Green Sea Urchin delivered to designated landing ports or transhipped to another vessel licensed for the transportation of fish shall be placed in containers which are labelled. The label shall be waterproof and contain the

vessel name and vessel registration number.

(2) All "pick bags" or any other type of container containing harvested Green Sea Urchin left unattended in the water shall be labelled. The label shall be waterproof and marked with the vessel name and the vessel registration number of the vessel used to harvest that product. Floats attached to containers left unattended in the water shall also be marked with the vessel registration number.

#### 8. Transshipment:

Green Sea Urchin may be transhipped from the licensed vessel to another vessel licensed for the transportation of fish provided the vessel master complies with the following conditions:

- (1) all Green Sea Urchin are in containers and tagged as per section 7;
- (2) the number of containers are recorded in the log;
- (3) the "packer weight" (determined by subtracting the weight of the containers from the weight of the product) is recorded in the log; and
- (4) a copy of the log accompanies the transhipped Green Sea Urchin.

#### 9. Locations permitted for the landing of Green Sea Urchin:

Green Sea Urchin shall be landed at one of the following ports:

- (1) South Coast: Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Kelsey Bay, Campbell River, Brown's Bay, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria or Vancouver.
- (2) North Coast: Prince Rupert or Port Edward.

This condition applies to both the licensed vessel and, if the vessel master chooses to tranship his catch to another vessel, to the vessel receiving the Green Sea Urchin.

#### 10. Validation:

(See Explanatory Note after section 14)

(1) All Green Sea Urchin harvested or removed from the sea bed floor under the authority of this licence shall be validated at the point and time the fish is landed.

(2) Prior to validation of Green Sea Urchin no person shall:

- (a) smash the shells or slit the membranes of the Green Sea Urchin to drain the waters; or
- (b) dump, throw overboard, or otherwise discard Green Sea Urchin which have been harvested and retained in accordance with the Fisheries Act and the regulations made thereunder.

(3) All weights shall be determined using a scale approved by Industry Canada.

(4) The vessel master of the licensed vessel or, if the catch is transhipped to another vessel, the vessel master of that vessel, shall provide the observer with a hard copy of the Green Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log upon completion of each validation.

(5) The vessel master of the licensed vessel or, if the catch is transhipped to another vessel, the vessel master of that vessel, shall provide to the observer at the point of landing, access to the vessel's fish holds, freezers and other fish storage areas at any time during the landing.

#### 11. Oral Reports:

(1) The vessel master shall, under the circumstances set out in subsections 11(2) to 11(6), report the information set out therein by notifying in person an observer or by telephoning (800) 775-5505.

(2) At least 24 hours before a fishing trip:

- (a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (b) species to be fished;
- (c) Subarea(s) to be fished;
- (d) anticipated time of arrival at the fishing location; and
- (e) anticipated time that fishing will begin.

(3) Upon failure to arrive at fishing location within 24 hours of time stated in subsection 11(2):

- (a) vessel name and vessel registration number; and
- (b) details of change in fishing plans.

(4) At least 24 hours prior to moving to a new Quota Area:

- (a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (b) species to be fished;
- (c) Subarea(s) to be fished;
- (d) anticipated time of arrival at the fishing location; and
- (e) anticipated time that fishing will begin.

(5) After a fishing trip:

- (a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (b) species fished;
- (c) Subarea(s) fished; and
- (d) time that fishing stopped.

(6) At least 24 hours prior to landing Green Sea Urchin:

- (a) vessel name, vessel master's name and vessel registration number;
- (b) species to be landed;
- (c) name of the designated port and location therein where the catch shall be landed;
- (d) anticipated time of landing;
- (e) name of fish processor or buyer that is buying or transporting the catch; and
- (f) if applicable, the method of transporting the catch to a fish processor.

## 12. Harvest Logs and Chart Data:

(See Explanatory Note after Section 14)

(1) The vessel master shall maintain a log of all harvest operations and provide this information in both hard (paper) copy and electronic copy to the Department. The content and format of this log (paper and electronic) shall meet the requirements as defined by the Shellfish Data Unit for the current licence year.

(2) The harvest and fishing location information recorded in the log shall be complete and accurate.

(3) The information for each day's harvest operations shall be recorded in the log no later than midnight of that day.

(4) The log shall be kept on board the licensed vessel.

(5) The log shall be produced for examination on demand of a fishery officer, a fishery guardian or an observer.

(6) The vessel master shall provide a chart record of the locations fished to the Department.

(a) The chart shall be marked with:

- (i) the vessel registration number;
- (ii) the licence tab number; and
- (iii) the validation I.D. numbers.

The validation I.D. number is the unique page number assigned to each validation page of the Green Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log. If an alternative log is used, the validation I.D. number is the unique page number assigned by the Shellfish Data Unit when the licence holder contacts the Unit to obtain the information necessary to fulfil the log requirements.

(b) Each harvest site shall be clearly marked on the chart with dive number, validation I.D. number and the dates that fishing activity occurred at each site. The dive numbers on the chart record must correspond to the dive numbers in the log.

(c) The information for each day's harvest operations shall be recorded on the chart record no later than midnight of that day.

(7) The vessel master shall make provisions to have chart information referred to in subsection 12(6) electronically captured into Geographic Information System (GIS) software and forwarded to the Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo.

(8) The completed log pages (original copy), electronic copy of the log, and the chart record of locations fished, shall be forwarded within 28 days following the end of each month in which fishing occurred to:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Shellfish Data Unit  
Pacific Biological Station  
3190 Hammond Bay Road  
Nanaimo BC V9T 6N7

Tel: (250) 756-7022 or (250) 756-7306

(9) In the event that a licence holder does not fish during the current fishing season, the licence holder is responsible for submitting a nil report. One page from the harvest logbook identifying the vessel, licence tab number and the year with 'nil' entered in the body of the log and signed by the licence holder constitutes a nil report.

### 13. Fish Slips:

(1) An accurate written report shall be provided on a fish slip of all fish caught and retained under the authority of this licence.

(2) A report shall be made even if the fish are used for bait, personal consumption or disposed of otherwise.

(3) The report shall be mailed not later than seven days after the offloading and sent to:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Branch, FM Data Unit  
Suite 200 - 401 Burrard Street  
Vancouver B.C. V6C 3S4

Fish slips may be downloaded and printed at <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/fishslips-carnets/index-eng.html>. Fish slip books may also be ordered from the printer at user cost at <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/fishslips-carnets/index-eng.html>. Phone (604) 666-2716 for more information.

### 14. Workers' Compensation Board Requirements

All Green Sea Urchin divers shall be in possession of a Workers' Compensation

Board Seafood Harvesting Diving Certificate.

Explanatory Note - Harvest Log, Chart Data and Validation: The Green Sea Urchin Validation & Harvest Log issued by the service provider contracted by the West Coast Green Urchin Association is approved for both form and content by the Shellfish Data Unit. This service provider will provide, for a fee, the logbook, and coding, keypunching, electronic chart data capture and validation services.

Fish harvesters who do not use the logbook and coding, keypunching and electronic chart data capture services provided by this service provider must contact the Shellfish Data Unit at (250) 756-7306 or (250) 756-7022 in order to obtain the information necessary to fulfil these requirements.