

WRLC
Teleconference 6 pm 5th January 2010

Attendance: John Cole, John Newby, Anthony Pirrottina, Jason Barrett, Fedele Camarda, James Paratore, Peter Hammond, Steve McLeary, Terry Mouchemore, Nic Sofoulis, Terry Parrish, Darren McTaggart, Dexter Davies

Agenda Items:

1. Review management options for the remainder of 09/10 Season.
 2. Consider Changing Big Bank Boundaries.
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Discussion and consideration of input from PFA's.

Resolutions:

1. Management options.
 - C Zone
 - Continue to fish 4 days a week after allocation for "WHITES" is reached, once allocation for whole season is reached C Zone to be closed.
 - In addition, recommend a closure from 15th March for 2 or 3 weeks, no bait and gates open where possible, subject to a review of the cumulative catch on 12th February 2010 to determine need for and length of closure.
 - DoF to have administrative procedures required to allow these options to be put in place completed before February 12th.
 - B Zone
 - Current closure to remain in place until 24th January 2010. All pots to be removed from water as soon as possible. (**pots in the water again on 24th January**)
 - All fishers resume fishing on the 25th January until allocation for "WHITES" is reached then A Zone fishers will cease fishing and **take pots out of the water** remaining B Zone fishers begin fishing their "REDS" allocation.
 - 15th March A Zone (Islands) begin fishing as per current management package and continue until allocation reached. B Zone close **and take pots out of the water** until after Easter, begin fishing again on 6th April 2010 and continue until allocation reached. (**Pots in the water on the 5th April**)

2. Big Bank

- The current Eastern boundary to be made parallel to the coast. The new Eastern Boundary to be shifted 10 nautical miles West and the current Southern boundary to be shifted 10 nautical miles South.

Petition

It was also resolved that industry should be petitioned to gain support for the introduction of some form of individual quota management to be introduced as soon as possible (next season for at least the "WHITES").

Meeting closed 7:45pm John Cole Chairman Western Rock Lobster Council