

STANDING FISH PRICE-SETTING PANEL

SUMMER SHRIMP FISHERY - 2023

1. The Standing Fish Price-Setting Panel, hereinafter referred to as “the Panel,” issued its Schedule of Hearings for 2023, on March 3, 2023. Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*, hereinafter referred to as the “Act”, the Panel set June 15, 2023, as the date on which any potential hearing would be conducted, if required. While there is no date set by which the price of Summer Shrimp must be set, the Panel notes that in general it has ten business days following any hearing in which to set a price, such that the collective agreement binding on all processors in the province must be in effect. The Panel has abided by that guide in this decision.
2. The Panel also noted on March 3, 2023 that it had been advised by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (“DFA”), that the Association of Seafood Producers (“ASP”) represented processors that process the majority percentage of Summer Shrimp. As a result, under Section 19(11) of the *Act*, should a hearing be required for Summer Shrimp, the parties appearing before the Panel would be the Fish, Food and Allied Workers’ Union, hereinafter referred to as the “FFAW”, and ASP. Section 19.11(1) of the *Act* and Regulations made pursuant thereto, require that the decision of the Panel must be in accordance with one of the positions on price and conditions of sale for the minimum price of Shrimp for the Summer fishery submitted to the Panel by the parties at the hearing. The Panel further advised that no other positions would be accepted by the Panel and should other representatives of this species wish to attend the hearing, concurrence from both parties to the collective bargaining must be obtained.
3. The hearing for Summer Shrimp, if required, was scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 15, 2023. At 08:30 on Thursday, June 15, 2023 the Panel convened the hearing via Zoom videoconferencing. Appearing before the Panel were the FFAW and ASP. The parties, having previously engaged in bargaining and having exchanged their final offer submissions, and filed copies with the Panel, supported their submissions in main argument and rebuttal. Each party answered the Panel’s questions.
4. The Panel has had the opportunity to review the parties’ submissions and deliberate. It is aware that time is of the essence in disseminating its ultimate decision on price. Therefore, based on the submissions of the parties, and taking into account the information put before the Panel by the parties, the Panel has made the following determination on price for Summer Shrimp 2023, with reasons for this decision to follow in due course. The majority of the Panel has accepted the ASP’s offer for Summer Shrimp Fishery 2023. Therefore, the minimum price for Summer Shrimp in 2023 will be set as follows:

- \$0.92 / lb. landed to the plant
- \$0.89 / lb. trucked North of Port Saunders on the Northern Peninsula
- \$0.84 / lb. trucked from elsewhere on the island of Newfoundland

All other terms and conditions of the schedule apply.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 27th day of June, 2023.



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Brian Vallis

Earle McCurdy dissenting.