

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada
Statement Regarding Lumpfish Mortalities
May 24, 2020**

In keeping with the policies of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada publicly advises that higher than normal mortalities were observed among lumpfish (*Cyclopterus lumpus*) being transported to site.

These were non-disease related mortalities that occurred aboard a well boat being utilized for fish transfer from New Brunswick to Newfoundland and Labrador. It appears that the abnormal mortalities were a result of issues with water oxygen levels in the hold of the vessel.

Approximately 8,000 lumpfish mortalities occurred onboard the vessel from a total of 38,000 fish that were destined for a site in Little Bay, located on the south coast of Newfoundland.

The removal and disposal of the mortalities is being conducted per standard operating procedures.

Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada has taken all responsible steps under the oversight of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, and is following government policies in this matter.

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