

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada
Updated Statement Regarding Lumpfish Mortalities
June 5, 2020**

In keeping with the policies of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada is providing an update on public reporting that was previously made on May 26, 2020. That report was with respect to higher than normal lumpfish (*Cyclopterus lumpus*) mortalities at a site off the southern coast of Newfoundland called "Steamers Head"

The updated and final mortality count based on diving reports over the last ten days is approximately 26,000 from a total entry of approximately 65,700 lumpfish. The abnormal mortalities were the result of rough sea conditions at the site immediately post transfer. Other sites were supplied with lumpfish during the same supply trip without issue. Site monitoring now shows no further abnormal mortality is taking place.

The removal and disposal of all mortalities was 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 followed government policies in this matter.

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