

FISHERIES ACT

Fisheries Management Order

FMO # 2020-01

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORDER REQUIRING ALL AUTHORIZED FISHING ACTIVITIES TO
BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY AT-SEA OBSERVER ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS**

(Section 9.1 of the *Fisheries Act*)

Whereas the emergence of the COVID-19 virus as a global health threat has created circumstances that place at-sea fishery observers and the fishers they work with at risk of spreading and or contracting the virus;

Whereas at-sea observer requirements imposed under existing licences to fish constitute a human health risk for at-sea observers and fishers and constitute a public human health risk;

Whereas, in the current exceptional circumstances associated with the emergence of the COVID-19 virus, at-sea observer requirements pose a threat to the proper management and control of fisheries;

I hereby make this Fisheries Management Order and I impose the following requirements:

1. All fishing activities authorized under the *Fisheries Act* must be carried out without any at sea observer being onboard fishing vessels;
2. Any person authorized to carry out fishing activities under the *Fisheries Act* is required to not authorize any at-sea observer to come on board any fishing vessel;

This Order prevails over any regulations made under the *Fisheries Act*, any orders issued under those regulations, and over any conditions of any lease or licence issued under that Act.

This Fisheries Management Order takes effect on the day on which it is signed and will remain in effect for a period of 45 days.

Ottawa, April 02 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a long horizontal line.

Minister of Fisheries and Oceans