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Declaration Status of MSX and Dermo for Eastern Canada

Disease Control under the Domestic Movement
Control Program

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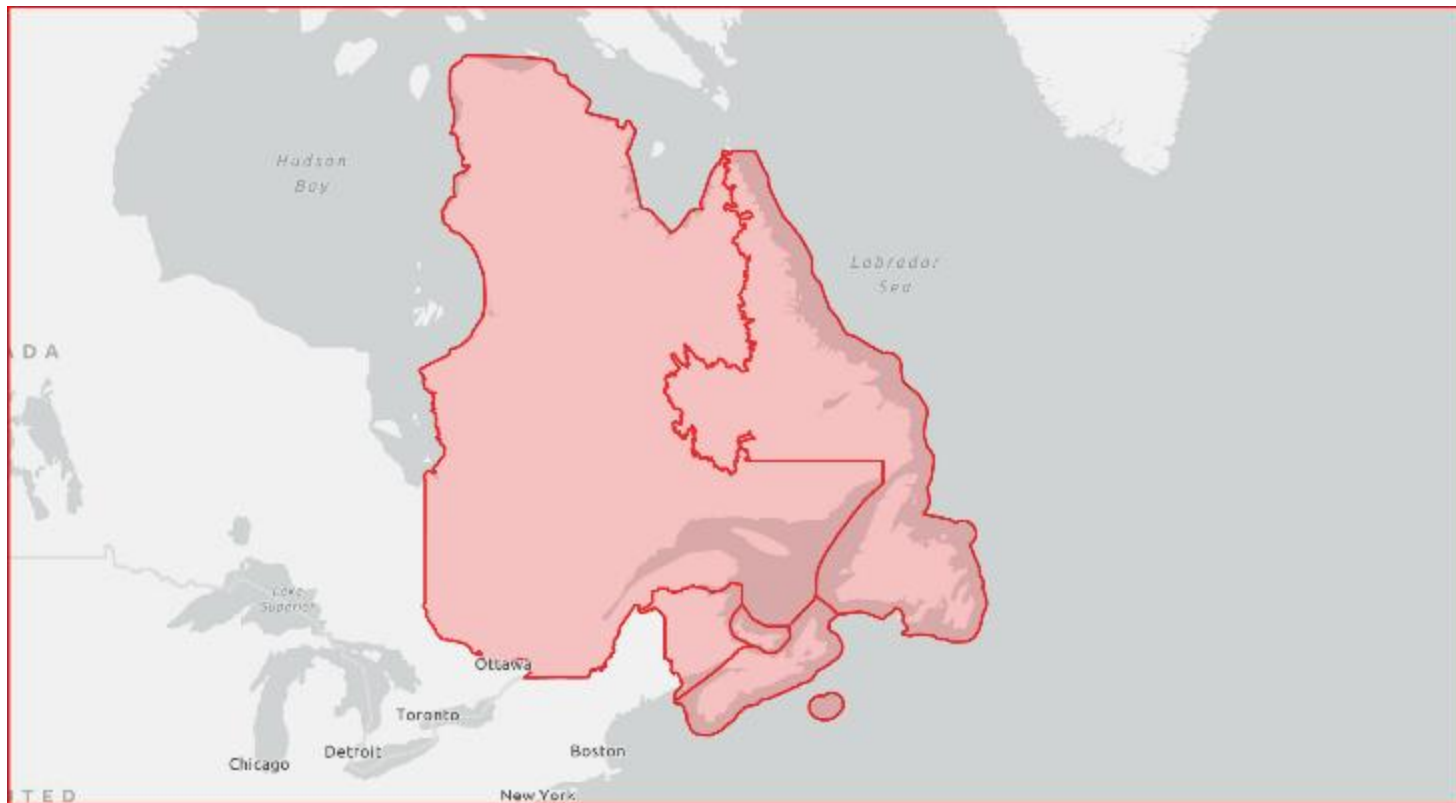


Long Term MSX and Dermo Control

- Eradication not possible
 - Wild oysters and unknown intermediate host (MSX) act as a reservoir for the parasite
- Once the DIA is implemented, CFIA will always consider the area infected
 - Disease freedom is not attainable
- Containment is the only option
 - CFIA's role is to prevent further disease spread from infected to free areas throughout Canada

All Eastern Canadian provinces and waters as Declared Infected Areas for MSX and Dermo

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: SEPT. 2, 2025



Domestic Movement Control Program

Movement Within DIAs

- Movement allowed
 - No CFIA permit required
- I&T Permit required

Movement Outside DIAs

(from lower to an area with better health status)

- Prohibited without CFIA permit
- After processing and for human consumption only
 - **DMCP permit required**



What does this mean?

- No CFIA permit required for normal operations of the oyster industry **within Eastern Canadian waters.**
- Oyster movements between water bodies need I&T permits – both for intraprovincial and interprovincial movements.
- Current quarantines and PCZs will be revoked effective Sept. 2, 2025
- Biosecurity measures need to be maintained to protect the future of the industry from not only MSX and Dermo, but other diseases.
- Processed oysters for human consumption are subject to the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) and require a DMCP movement permit for movement out of the declared areas.
- Sick oysters and mortality reports still need to be reported to CFIA in a DIA since they are a regulatory requirement.

Key Points

- Management of diseases is still important even in a DIA
 - I&T compliance is critical
- Education is important
 - Biosecurity practices
 - Disease principles
- No CFIA permit needed to move within a DIA of the same health status
- *CFIA DMCP permit needed to move processed oysters for human consumption OUT of DIA

What Happens Next?

- Implementation date for DIA for Eastern Canada for MSX and Dermo on Sept. 2, 2025
- Quarantines and Primary Control Zones (PCZs) revoked on Sept. 2, 2025
- Provincial and Industry Notifications
- Release of Communications Package
- External CFIA website update & Listserv update
- Application for a domestic movement permit for movement outside of the DIA is on the CFIA website