

North Coast Licence Area (Areas 1 through 10 and adjacent off-shore areas)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the PUHA will collaborate to schedule North Coast openings over the season in order to meet market demands and to prevent local stock depletion.

The North Coast commercial red sea urchin TAC for 2017/2018 will be 8,413,000 lbs., (3,816.1 t) apportioned between the Quota Areas shown in the table below. All weights referred to in the tables below are the weights that are determined during validation at the **first point of landing** (in pounds).

Opening Sequence	Quota Area	Name	Description	Quota (lbs.)
Note: Most Quota Areas are comprised of portions of Areas and Subareas. Complete descriptions of Quota Areas are provided in Appendix 10. Changes marked in bold type.				
HAIDA GWAII (Areas 1, 2 and adjacent offshore areas)				
TBA	RU01a	Lepas Bay	Ptn. Subarea 1-1	100,000
TBA	RU01b	Frederick Island	Ptn. Subarea 1-1	35,000
TBA	RU02a	Langara Island	Ptn. Subareas 1-2, 1-7, 101-2, 101-3, 101-6, 101-7 except closures	205,000
TBA	RU02b	Virago Sound	Subarea 1-3, ptn. Subareas 1-2, 1-7, 101-6, 101-7 except closures	105,000
TBA	RU03a	Cumshewa Inlet	Subareas 2-2, 2-3 except closure	0
TBA	RU03b	Kunga Island	Subareas 2-8, 2-10 except closures	120,000
Closed for research	RU04a	Juan Perez Sound (Tar Island)	Ptn. Subarea 2-11	0
TBA	RU04b	Section Cove	Subareas 2-12, 2-13 except closure	75,000
TBA	RU05a	Skincuttle Inlet	Subareas 2-14, 2-15	200,000
TBA	RU05b	Carpenter Bay	Subarea 2-17	120,000
TBA	RU06	Lower 2E	Subareas 2-18, 2-19 except closure	200,000
TBA	RU07	Lower 2W	Subareas 2-31 to 2-34 except closure, ptn. Subarea 142-1	220,000
TBA	RU08a	Flamingo	Subareas 2-35 to 2-46 and ptn. 142-1 except closures	90,000
TBA	RU08b	Englefield	Subareas 2-47 to 2-62 and 142-2	100,000
TBA	RU09	Van Inlet	Subarea 2-68	100,000
TBA	RU10	Rennel Sound	Subareas 2-69 to 2-84 except closure	200,000
TBA	RU11	Hippa Island	Subareas 2-85 to 2-87, ptn. Subarea 2-88	110,000
TBA	RU12	Port Louis	Ptn. Subarea 2-88, Subareas 2-89 to 2-100	90,000
Haida Gwaii Total:				2,070,000
MAINLAND NORTH COAST (Areas 3 to 6 and adjacent offshore areas)				
TBA	RU13a	Dundas Island North	Subareas 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-7, 3-11	380,000
TBA	RU13b	Dundas Island South	Ptn. Subareas 4-1, 4-5	200,000
TBA	RU13c	Melville Island	Ptn. Subareas 4-1, 4-5, 4-9, 4-13	60,000

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TBA	RU13d	Nares Islets	Ptn. Subarea 4-1	60,000
TBA	RU14	Tree Nobs	Ptn. Subareas 4-1, 4-2, 4-13	320,000
TBA	RU15	Outside Stephens Island	Ptn. Subarea 4-2	100,000
TBA	RU16	Inside Stephens Island	Ptn. Subareas 4-9, 4-13	120,000
TBA	RU17	Kelp Pass	Subarea 4-12	60,000
TBA	RU18a	Edye Pass	Ptn. Subarea 4-2, Subarea 4-4	120,000
TBA	RU18b	Oval Bay	Ptn. Subarea 4-2, Ptn. Subarea 4-3	140,000
TBA	RU19	Porcher Inlet	Subarea 5-9	60,000
TBA	RU20a	Cape George	Ptn. Subarea 4-3	60,000
TBA	RU20b	Freeman Passage	Ptn. Subareas 5-11, 5-12 (closed inside Freeman Spit)	80,000
TBA	RU21	Willis Bay	Ptn. Subareas 5-10, 5-11	100,000
TBA	RU22a	Hankin Rock	Ptn. Subarea 5-10	50,000
TBA	RU22b	Beaver Pass	Ptn. Subarea 5-10	54,000
TBA	RU23	Upper Principe Channel	Subarea 5-13	142,000
TBA	RU24a	Mid Principe Channel	Ptn. Subarea 5-17; Subarea 5-18	54,000
TBA	RU24b	Lower Principe Channel	Ptn. Subarea 5-17, Subarea 5-19, Ptn. Subarea 6-9 north of Fleishman Point	70,000
TBA	RU25	Petrel Channel	Subareas 5-14, 5-15, 5-16.	20,000
TBA	RU26	Larsen Harbour	Ptn. Subareas 5-11, 5-20	108,000
TBA	RU27a	Upper Banks Island	Ptn. Subarea 5-20	160,000
	RU27b	Mid Banks Island	Ptn. Subarea 5-20	108,000
TBA	RU28	Bonilla Island	Ptn. Subarea 5-20, Subarea 105-1, ptn. Subarea 105-2	250,000
TBA	RU29	Kingkown Inlet	Ptn. Subarea 5-20, Subarea 5-21	100,000
TBA	RU30	Lower Banks Island	Subarea 5-22, ptn. Subareas 105-2, 106-1	400,000
TBA	RU32	Calamity Bay	Ptn. Subarea 6-9	250,000
TBA	RU33	Otter Pass	Ptn. Subarea 6-9	300,000
TBA	RU34a	Langley Pass	Ptn. Subarea 6-9	50,000
TBA	RU34b	Develin Bay	Ptn. Subarea 6-9	50,000
TBA	RU35	Oswald Bay	Ptn. Subareas 6-9, 106-1	150,000
TBA	RU36a	Estevan Group East	Ptn. Subareas 6-9, 6-10	200,000
TBA	RU36b	Estevan Group South	Ptn. Subareas 6-9, 106-1	110,000
TBA	RU37	Rennison Island	Ptn. Subareas 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-13	96,000
TBA	RU38a	Campania Island	Ptn. Subarea 6-10 (west Campania Island)	200,000
TBA	RU38c	Surf Inlet	Ptn. Subarea 6-10, Subarea 6-12	50,000
TBA	RU38d	Gil Island West	Subareas 6-5, 6-27 and 6-28	54,000
TBA	RU38e	McKay Reach	Subarea 6-7	20,000

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TBA	RU38f	Whale Channel	Subareas 6-6, 6-8, Ptn. Subarea 6-10, Subarea 6-26	54,000
TBA	RU39	Upper West Aristazabal	Ptn. Subareas 6-13, 106-2	190,000
TBA	RU40	Woodcock Islands	Ptn. Subareas 6-13, 106-2	40,000
TBA	RU41	Normansell Islands	Ptn. Subareas 6-13, 106-2	96,000
TBA	RU43	Upper Laredo	Ptn. Subarea 6-11, Subarea 6-14	30,000
TBA	RU44	Lower Laredo	Subarea 6-15, ptn. Subarea 6-16	50,000
TBA	RU45	Laredo Inlet	Ptn. Subarea 6-16, Subarea 6-19	20,000
TBA	RU46a	Laredo Sound	Ptn. Subareas 6-16, 6-17	96,000
TBA	RU46b	Prior Pass	Ptn. Subareas 6-13, 6-17	96,000
Mainland North Coast total:				5,578,000
MAINLAND CENTRAL COAST SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (Areas 6, 7 to 10, 106 and adjacent offshore areas) See Section 4.x				
TBA	RU31a	Moore Islands	Ptn. Subarea 106-2	300,000
	RU31b	Harvey Islands	Ptn. Subarea 106-2	
TBA	RU42	Lower West Aristazabal	Ptn. Subareas 6-13, 106-2	74,000
TBA	RU47b	Day Point	Ptn. Subareas 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-31	50,000
TBA	RU48	Milbanke Sound	Ptn. Subarea 7-3	96,000
TBA	RU49	Finlayson Channel	Subareas 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, ptn. Subarea 7-9	96,000
TBA	RU50	Mathieson Channel	Ptn. Subarea 7-9	96,000
TBA	RU57b	West Calvert Island	Area 109, Ptn. Subarea 10-1	8,000
TBA	RU57c	Grief Bay	Ptn. Subarea 10-1	20,000
TBA	RU58	Smiths Inlet	Ptn. Subarea 10-2, Subareas 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-7, 10-8, 10-12	25,000
Mainland Central Coast Special Management Area Total:				765,000
NORTH COAST LICENCE AREA TOTAL:				8,413,000

North Coast Protocol

For the 2017/18 season the On-Grounds Monitoring program for the north coast fishery will once again be suspended. The PUHA and DFO will work together to develop and implement a fishing protocol for the 2017/18 fishing season. Certain members of the PUHA will be designated as “On-Grounds Co-ordinators” and will aid in keeping track of fleet movements and north coast area quotas.

A Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) will be piloted by the north coast fishing groups for the 2017/18 season in order to increase monitoring efficiency. This will be the seventh year of the VMS pilot program. **Each north coast fishing group will be required to have at least one vessel equipped with a functional VMS unit at all times or fishing activity will cease.** More detail will be available in the North Coast Fishing Protocol available from the service provider or resource managers (please see contacts in Appendix 14).

The Department will evaluate the north coast fishing protocol as the season progresses to ensure that all licence conditions and management requirements for the fishery are being met. If enforcement, quota tracking, or management issues arise in-season, the Department may require the reinstatement of the On-grounds Monitoring (OGM) requirement for the fishery or may implement other management actions.

Mainland Central Coast Special Management Area

Sea otters have expanded their range in Management Areas 6, 7 to 10 and 106 (Mainland Central Coast) over the last few years and have adversely affected the commercial red sea urchin fishery. In the past, Quota Areas that have been impacted by sea otter predation have either been closed or have had their quotas reduced. The Mainland Central Coast Special Management Area will allow greater flexibility in portions of Management Areas 6, 7 to 10 and 106. See section 5.4 in Appendix 6.

‘Fallback’ quota will be available in Quota Areas impacted by sea otters. This will allow harvesters an opportunity to scout for and harvest red sea urchins in these areas since not all portions of a Quota Area may be impacted by sea otters. This does not increase the overall Total Allowable Catch (TAC) or Individual Quotas (IQ). Any quota fished in these areas will reduce available quota in (an)other area(s) within the Mainland Central Coast Special Management Area so the overall TAC is not exceeded.

Fallback quota for the Mainland Central Coast Special Management Area

Quota Area	Name	Description	Quota (lb.)
RU47a	Thompson Bay	Ptn. Subareas 7-1, 7-2, Subareas 7-19, 7-20, ptn. Subarea 7-21, Subarea 7-32	20,000
RU51	Seaforth Channel	Subarea 7-8, ptn. Subarea 7-9, Subareas 7-12, 7-15, ptn. Subarea 7-21	20,000
RU52	Tribal Group	Subarea 7-18; Ptn. Subareas 7-23, 7-24	20,000
RU53	Spider/Kildidt	Subareas 7-26, 7-27, 7-28	20,000
RU54	McNaughton Group	Ptn. Subarea 7-17, Subarea 7-25	20,000
RU55	Hakai Pass	Subareas 8-1, 8-2	20,000
RU56a	Nalau Pass	Ptn. Subarea 8-4	20,000
RU56b	Fitz Hugh Sound	Subarea 8-3, ptn. Subarea 8-4, Subarea 8-16, Ptn. Subarea 9-12	20,000
RU57a	Rivers Inlet	Subareas 9-1 to 9-4, 9-10, 9-11, Ptn. Subarea 9-12, Ptn. Subareas 10-1 and 10-2	20,000