Year-End Discussion Background

June 2026 UHA AGM

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The NC Executive met on April 29, 2026 along with AMR and our Observers to debrief on another short spring season on the North. At that meeting the NC Executive recommended discussing potential season year-end changes with the membership in order to give the North the best chance of completing a decent spring fishery in future years.

The table below shows the spring fishing dates and production from the 2020/21 season to the current 2026/27 season.

Year	Rotation	Season Start date	First day fishing	Shut down date	lbs laned	Notes
2026/27	PR	April 15th, 2026	April 23rd, 2026	April 26th, 2026	37,993	-
2025/26	CC	April 01st, 2025	April 23rd, 2025	May 9th, 2025	217,793	Resumed fishing September 24th, 2025.
2024/25	QCI	April 1st, 2024	April 11th, 2024	April 16th, 2024	54,464	Resumed fishing September 15th, 2024.
2023/24	PR	April 16th, 2023	April 16th, 2023	May 5th 2023	235,147	Resumed fishing September 12th, 2023.
2022/23	CC	May 1st, 2022	May 7th, 2022	May 27th, 2022	213,492	Resumed fishing September 1st, 2022.
2021/22	QCI	May 1st, 2021	May 3rd, 2021	-	0	Fished from May 2021 until April 2022 uninterrupted.
2020/21	PR	March 1st, 2020	May 20th 2020	-	0	Covid. Fished from May 2020 until April 2021 uninterrupted.

In 2026/27 and 2024/25 the North Region had very few spring fishing days.

Recent Year-End History: At the December 2020 UHA AGM members agreed to shift the year-end to March 31st. This shift was done over three seasons in 2-week intervals.

- **2020/21: May 15, 2020 to April 30, 2021 (COVID extensions delayed start)**
- **2021/22: May 1, 2021 to April 15, 2022**
- **2022/23: April 16, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (delayed planned 2-week step back to 2023/24)**

The 2019/20 original season end date was Feb. 29th, 2020. COVID impacts extended the 2019/20 season to May 7th and the 2020/21 season started on May 15th, 2020. In 2020, March 31st was recommended as the new year-end target in order to allow a buffer past the end of February and allow for vessels that hold quota for the busy December to February Chinese New Year season to finish.

Fishing continues to be concentrated in January and February. Last season about 65% of the north quota was fished over 4 months with 40% landed in Jan/Feb.

At the 2020 meeting, Gulf and WCVI Region would have preferred to move the year-end outside of the annual herring closures which run from late February to mid-April. That said, they understood the PSP risk associated with finishing the year during late spring. The Inside and WCVI representatives also understood the need to maximize the time vessels fish up north where 71% of the TAC is currently assigned.

At the June 5th, 2026 UHA Directors' Meeting, the Directors formed a Year-End Committee. The Committee is tasked with making a recommendation to the membership for a year-end change at the June 24th, 2026 AGM.