

Tips for handling and releasing Wolffish

Shrimp Fishing

The Species at Risk Act

Two of the three wolffish species found in waters of Atlantic Canada are at risk of becoming extinct. The third species is of Special Concern.

A new Canadian 'Species at Risk' law protects those species. This new law was created to prevent wildlife species from becoming extinct, but no single group or organization can ensure the recovery of a species. We all have a part to play.

Wolffish are incidentally caught in some of the most common fishing gears used throughout Atlantic Canada. Proper handling and quick release of wolffish back into the water improves their chances of survival.

Like all animals, wolffish play an important role in the ecosystem of the ocean and their survival depends on all of us working together.



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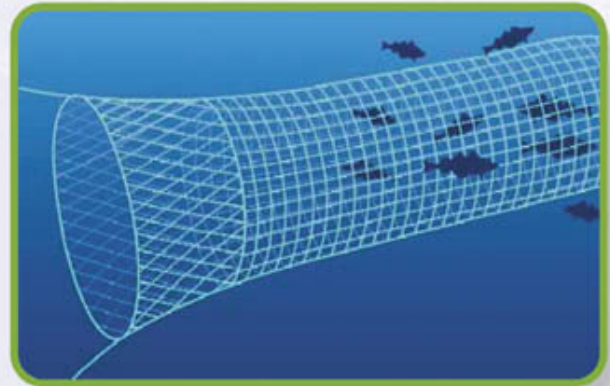
In areas of wolffish bycatch shorter tow times are recommended



The mandatory exclusion device is another tool to reduce wolffish bycatch



Even with excluder devices there is some bycatch of Juvenile Wolffish



Use square mesh Codend to reduce juvenile fish bycatch including wolffish

Avoid dropping wolffish on to hard surfaces. Release wolffish as quickly as possible.



Northern Wolffish



Spotted Wolffish



Striped Wolffish

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