



Task Title: Fishing Quotas

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Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☒ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will read a news release about changes to fishing quotas, and perform calculations.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2
- Understand and Use Numbers/Use measures/C3.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device
- Calculator or digital device with calculator function

Learner Information

The Canadian fishing industry must adhere to quotas or TAC (total allowable catch) determined by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Changes to TAC can impact how much fishing is permitted in one place. In Canadian fisheries, the TAC is universally measured and reported in metric tonnes.

Read the excerpt from the "Northern Cod Quota to Increase" news release from June 2026.

Scan the "Conversion Chart".

Conversion Chart

Ton Type	Weight in Kilograms (kg)
Metric Ton (Tonne)	1,000 kg
US Short Ton	907.18 kg
UK Long Ton	1,016.05 kg

Northern Cod Quota to Increase

Fishing is more than an industry in Newfoundland and Labrador—it is a way of life, deeply rooted in the history, culture, and identity of the province. For generations, Northern cod has been central to our story and the decision for Northern cod (2J3KL) will help support a year-round commercial Northern cod fishery.

For the first time since the 1992 moratorium, the latest Northern Cod science indicates the stock is in the healthy zone. This allows for an increased commercial fishery, along with the previously announced expansion of the Northern cod food fishery.

The 2026 management decisions are:

Northern cod: TAC increase from 38,000 metric tonnes to 59,000 metric tonnes.

2J3KLPs Capelin: The TAC is unchanged at 14,533 metric tonnes.

Northern Gulf cod: No directed commercial fishery, and total removals remain capped at 500 metric tonnes a year to support rebuilding.

This level of harvest keeps Northern cod on a path to once again be a key driver of the fishing economy in Newfoundland and Labrador. This is the result of years of science-based decision-making and ongoing collaboration with harvesters, processors, and industry stakeholders. This approach is grounded in peer-reviewed science and balances conservation with economic opportunity, keeping harvesting sustainable, and reflects a total harvest rate of 12 per cent.

As the overall quota is growing, every fleet will have significantly more fish available to catch in 2026.

Sourced from:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2026/06/northern-cod-quota-to-increase-55-per-cent-minister-thompson-announces-2026-management-decisions-for-northern-cod-northern-gulf-cod-and-northeast-a.html>

Work Sheet

Task 1: How much more Northern cod can be harvested according to the 2026 TAC increase?

Answer:

Task 2: If a commercial fishery has already caught 43,500 tonnes of Northern cod, how much remains in their quota when calculating with the new 2026 quota?

Answer:

Task 3a: Calculate the total amount of Northern cod caught by a commercial fishery in the month of June.

- **June 1-5: 23,252 tonnes**
- **June 6-11: 12,963 tonnes**
- **June 20-24: 11,005 tonnes**

Answer:

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Task 3b: Calculate how much remains in the fishery's quota. Use the new 2026 quota in your calculation.

Answer:

Task 4: Calculate the 2J3KLPs Capelin quota in kilograms (kg).

Answer:

Answers

Task 1: How much more Northern cod can be harvested according to the 2026 TAC increase?

Answer: $59,000 - 38,000 = 21,000$ tonnes

Task 2: If a commercial fishery has already caught 43,500 tonnes of Northern cod, how much remains in their quota when calculating with the new 2026 quota?

Answer: $59,000 - 43,500 = 15,500$ tonnes

Task 3a: Calculate the total amount of Northern cod caught by a commercial fishery in the month of June.

- **June 1-5: 23,252 tonnes**
- **June 6-11: 12,963 tonnes**
- **June 20-24: 11,005 tonnes**

Answer: 47,220 tonnes

Task 3b: Calculate how much remains in their quota. Use the new 2026 quota in your calculation.

Answer: $59,000 - 47,220 = 11,780$ tonnes

Task 4: Calculate the 2J3KLPs Capelin quota in kilograms (kg).

Answer: $14,533 \times 1,000 = 14,533,000$ kg

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A1.2	scans text to locate information			
	locates multiple pieces of information in simple texts			
C3.2	calculates using numbers expressed as whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentage and integers			
	converts units of measurement within the same system and between systems			
	chooses and performs required operation(s); may make inferences to identify required operation(s)			
	selects appropriate steps to reach solutions			
	uses strategies to check accuracy (e.g. estimating, using a calculator, repeating a calculation, using the reverse operation)			

This task: Was successfully completed ☐ Needs to be tried again ☐

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Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):