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DFO investigators have found that at least 20 per cent of the Newfoundland and Labrador crab fishermen they monitored were breaking fishing regulations — some were taking more than their quota and many were fishing in areas they weren't licensed to fish in. The investigation examined crab fishing by boats in the huge area off the province's east coast known as 3L. DFO said its main concern is that fishermen misreported where they caught their crab.A DFO spokesperson said that some boats are catching all or most of their quotas in an area where they aren't licensed to catch crab, but claiming they were caught in a licensed area. Clearly these fishing practices imperil crab stocks.

More <u>here</u>

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