



The following presents a snapshot of results for the questions commissioned by the **Unified Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFCA)** in the Autumn 2021 Atlantic Quarterly®. Details on the research methodology are provided below.

Key Highlights

- Generally speaking, there is moderate to high support for all three statements examined.
- Eight in ten (80%) agree that **representatives from non-Indigenous fishers should be included in any consultations or negotiations between government and Indigenous leaders around changes to fisheries management**. Fourteen percent disagrees.
- Three-quarters (73%) agree that the **established commercial fishing seasons and regulations should be enforced for everyone, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishers**. Two in ten (21%) disagree.
- Seven in ten (69%) agree that **there should be one set of integrated rules for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous fish harvesters, established by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada**. Conversely, one-quarter (26%) disagrees.
- There is majority support across regions and segments.
- Support is less robust among younger Maritimers than older ones.
- For the most part, levels of agreement do not vary widely across regions. Support for one set of integrated rules does dip to 59% in Southern NB. Within NS, support for one set of rules is lowest in Halifax and highest in the rest of mainland NS.

Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probability telephone survey
Data Collection Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 22-December 13, 2021
Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random sample of 400 adults each in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and 300 adults in Prince Edward Island aged 18+ years
Margin of Error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall results are accurate to within ± 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. Margins of error for sub-samples vary by size and are available upon request.



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TABLE IC1a-IC1c: % AGREE SUMMARY

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	MARITIMES OVERALL %	PROVINCE			REGION			REGION			REGION			GENDER		HH INCOME			AGE			EDUCATION	
		-NB-	-PEI-	-NS-	Northern NB	Southern NB	Moncton and area	Kings	Queens	Prince	Halifax	Cape Breton	Rest of mainland	M	F	L.T. \$50K	\$50- <\$100K	\$100K+	18- 34	35- 54	55+	High school (or less)	Post secondary (completed)
Representatives for non-Indigenous fishers should be included in any consultations or negotiations between government and Indigenous leaders around changes to fisheries management	80	77	80	83	81	72	81	83	82	75	80	85	86	82	79	80	85	79	73	82	84	80	81
The established commercial fishing seasons and regulations should be enforced for everyone, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishers	73	71	75	75	73	69	72	70	77	74	71	71	80	77	70	72	75	71	61	72	81	76	72
There should be one set of integrated rules for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous fish harvesters, established by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada	69	65	71	73	72	59	65	71	70	74	66	74	79	72	67	69	73	65	57	70	76	74	67
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	1100	453	85	562	146	198	109	10	49	26	243	79	240	521	563	374	378	239	261	363	476	379	693
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	1100	400	300	400	103	179	118	37	167	96	174	54	172	493	593	369	373	242	204	352	544	395	677

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The established commercial fishing seasons and regulations should be enforced for everyone, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishers?

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Completely agree	47	46	46	48	49	45	43	47	48	41	41	56	53	53	43	43	49	51	32	49	54	49	46
Mostly agree	26	25	29	26	24	23	30	23	29	33	30	15	26	24	28	29	26	20	29	23	27	27	26
Mostly disagree	12	10	12	13	9	11	11	22	13	6	18	14	8	10	14	13	10	15	17	13	8	10	13
Completely disagree	10	12	5	8	12	12	12	0	7	5	7	8	9	9	10	8	12	9	13	11	7	9	10
Neither agree nor disagree	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	1
Don't know/Not sure	3	4	3	2	3	5	4	2	1	9	0	5	2	2	4	3	1	4	5	3	2	3	3
No answer	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	5	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
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% AGREE	73	71	75	75	73	69	72	70	77	74	71	71	80	77	70	72	75	71	61	72	81	76	72
% DISAGREE	21	22	17	21	21	23	22	22	20	11	25	22	18	19	23	21	22	24	30	24	15	19	23

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Completely agree	44	41	41	47	40	42	38	39	39	45	41	51	51	47	42	41	45	43	33	45	49	45	43
Mostly agree	26	24	30	26	31	17	27	32	31	29	25	23	28	25	25	28	22	23	25	27	29	24	
Mostly disagree	13	12	13	14	11	12	15	13	15	9	19	15	9	11	16	15	12	15	18	12	12	11	15
Completely disagree	12	16	7	10	13	19	13	9	7	6	11	10	10	12	12	10	13	15	17	14	8	11	13
Neither agree nor disagree	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1
Don't know/Not sure	2	3	5	1	1	5	3	2	3	8	2	0	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	2
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Completely agree	45	43	35	48	47	38	47	40	33	36	40	52	56	46	45	42	48	45	38	48	47	47	44
Mostly agree	35	34	45	35	34	34	34	43	48	39	40	33	30	36	35	38	37	34	35	34	37	33	37
Mostly disagree	8	7	7	8	5	7	10	5	7	9	10	7	7	6	9	6	6	11	10	10	5	7	8
Completely disagree	6	8	3	5	8	10	6	0	4	4	7	7	3	7	5	8	5	6	9	5	6	8	6
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