PROTECT PEI's OYSTERS

Tips to spot and prevent the spread of MSX (H. nelsoni)

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Valves slow to close when disturbed
- Decreased rate of growth, no new shell growth
- Juvenile oysters may have pale digestive glands
- Oysters that are over 2 years old are particularly affected. May have high mortality.

HOW TO PREVENT SPREAD

- Do not introduce oysters from a MSX endemic area to new areas
- Rinse off boats and gear with fresh water
- Leave equipment in direct sunlight for 48 hrs

PROTECTING THE INDUSTRY

- Do not move oysters from infected to non-infected areas
- Report unauthorized movements
- Report mortality events

WHO TO CONTACT

- MSX is a federally reportable disease and must be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- **Phone: 902-566-7290**
- **Email: msx@gov.pe.ca**

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