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CONVICTIONS UNDER THE *FISHERIES ACT*

QUÉBEC – Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Quebec Region, has released a list of North Shore Area fishers fined by Judge Louise Gallant in October 2009 for various violations under the *Fisheries Act*.

The fishers received fines totalling \$4,775, in addition to a one-year probation and a scallop licence suspension until October 1, 2010. The offenders are:

Offender and home	Offence	Fine
Jean-Yves Blouin (Sept-Îles) Onile Gionet (Sept-Îles) André Rail (Lonque-Pointe-de-Mingan) Daniel Scherrer (Havre-Saint-Pierre) Claude Vaillancourt (Lonque-Pointe-de-Mingan)	Failure to hail out before 8:00 pm the day before a snow crab fishing trip.	\$250 (J.-Y. Blouin) \$250 (O. Gionet) \$250 (A. Rail) \$875 (D. Scherrer) \$100 (C. Vaillancourt)
Éric Joubert (Sept-Îles)	Failure to hail in after a rock crab fishing trip.	\$650
Claude Knight (Rivière-au-Tonnerre)	Possession of Atlantic halibut below the minimum legal size of 81 cm.	\$1,500
Daniel Scherrer (Havre-Saint-Pierre)	Fishing for scallops without a properly operating Vessel Monitoring System.	One-year probation and a scallop licence suspension until October 1, 2010.
Claude Vaillancourt (Lonque-Pointe-de-Mingan)	Permitting another fisher to use his vessel without authorization.	\$900

The Department has a mandate to protect and conserve fishery resources and is ever vigilant in its efforts to prevent poaching of marine resources.



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