

1 Q. Please explain how Hydro will ensure that the drag free zone is respected by all
2 fishing vessels.

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5 A. The cable corridor has been closed to scallop fishers by the Government of Canada,
6 Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). For clarification, the drag-free zone
7 only applies to the scallop fishery – other fisheries in the Strait of Belle Isle will not
8 affect the protective rock berms covering the submarine cables.

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10 Scallop dragging in the closed area would be a *Fisheries Act* violation and offending
11 fishers would be subject to prosecution for violation of the terms and conditions of
12 their fishing licenses.