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Written Answers from DFO to questions posed during March 2026 NMRWB meeting

Question: Is there a directed fishery for Thorny Skate in Canada?
Answer: Thorny Skate continues to be taken in bycatch fisheries (e.g., mixed groundfish, Greenland Halibut, Northern Shrimp, scallop), and in the Newfoundland “mixed” fishery for Thorny Skate, White Hake & Monkfish (=American Angler) in NAFO Div. 3LNOP. There isn’t a directed fishery in NAFO Div. 0a and 0b.

ᐊᐱᖁᓯᖅ: ᐃᖃᓗᒐᓱᑐᖃᐸᐹ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓂᒃ ᒥᑎᕐᓂᒃ ᑳᓇᑕᒥ?
ᑭᒡᒍᓯᖅ: ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᐃᑦ ᒥᑏᑦ ᐱᔭᐅᕙᑦᑐᑦ ᐱᔭᐅᒐᓱᖏᑲᓗᐊᖅᑐᑎᑦ ᐃᖃᓗᒐᓱᑎᓄᑦ (ᓲᕐᓪᓗ ᐊᔾᔨᒌᖏᑐᑦ ᐃᖅᑲᒥᐅᑕ ᐃᑦᐃᖃᓗᐃᑦ, ᖃᓕᕋᓖᑦ\ ᓇᑖᕐᓇᐃᑦ, ᑭᖑᐸᐃᑦ, ᑕᓪᓗᕈᓇᐃᑦ), ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᓂᐅᐱᓐᓛᒥ "ᐊᔾᔨᒌᖏᑐᑦ" ᐃᖃᓗᒐᓱᓐᓂᖅ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓄᑦ ᒥᑎᕐᓄᑦ ᑳᓇᑕᐅᑉ ᐅᐊᓐᓇ/ᐱᖓᓐᓇᖓᓂ ᐃᖃᓗᒐᓱᑦᑏᑦ ᑲᑐᔾᔨᖃᑎᒌᖏᑦ (NAFO) Div.
3LNOP. ᐱᔭᐅᒐᓱᓪᓚᕆᑉᐸᖏᑐᑦ ᑕᒪᑯᐊ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᐃᑦ ᒥᑏᕐ ᑕᒫᓂ NAFO Subarea 0.

Question: What roles does Thorny Skate play in the ecosystem?
Answer: Thorny Skate feed on a wide variety of prey, such as worms and shellfish. Thorny Skate also eat a variety of fish. It has been observed that many animals like seals, Greenland Halibut, and Greenland Shark may prey on Thorny skate and/or their egg capsules.

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