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There is currently an unauthorized Lobster fishery taking place in St. Mary's Bay, Southwestern Nova Scotia (SWNS) that has sparked disputes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishers.

[Redacted] This has resulted in escalated tensions between the two groups.

As of 2020.09.18, the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs has declared a State of Emergency due to the current events and violence unfolding in SWNS related to unauthorized Lobster fishing activities.

Uncorroborated information from multiple social media posts have indicated intent of members from Indigenous communities from the Atlantic region and Quebec to travel to SWNS to support Indigenous fishers. It is unknown if travellers will follow COVID-19 guidelines suggested by the Public Health Agency of Canada.



****The elevated tensions have a direct impact on the safety of Fishery Officers (FOs). FOs should be vigilant and exercise caution when conducting surveillance on the wharves and interacting with fishers and members of the public.****

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