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DUE TO CONFLICT OVER FRENCH FISHERMEN

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Since the announcement of Brexit and the end of the Granville Bay agreements on December 31, 2020, Presidents Morin and Lefèvre have endeavored to maintain a sustained and constructive dialogue with the Jersey Ministry of Foreign Affairs so that Manche fishermen can continue to operate under the same conditions, even if it was now up to Jersey to award fishing licenses. A first crucial deadline fell on Friday April 30: the issuance of licenses for units over 12 meters that can justify at least 10 days of fishing in Jersey waters over a period of twelve months in the last three years. In an official statement Jersey published a first list of 41 boats; the armaments concerned received their license by email. But upon reading the document, Jersey imposes, against all expectations...

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In 1995, the Lower Normandy Regional Council and the Manche General Council opened the Maison de la Normandie et de la Manche in Saint-Helier. This initiative, managed in the form of a mixed union, had received the approval of Mr. Alain Juppé, then Minister of Foreign Affairs. Presidents Morin, Lefèvre and Julienne decided yesterday to close this representation, which also houses the Honorary Consulate of France in Jersey." Source: Region Normandie

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