Conservation Harvesting Plan
2016 -2017 Gulf Nova Scotia Spring Halibut Fishery

Quota: **54.903 t** – This includes 6.154 t carried forward from 2015 as well as the 4.635 t 4VN allocation that industry agreed to request the transfer to 4T.
It was agreed with industry in Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) to divide 33.14 t (28.5 t + 4.635 t 4VN transfer) 80% - 20% between the Spring and Summer fisheries respectively.
The remaining (15.614t) will be divided 50%-50% between the Spring and Summer fisheries.

- **Spring Fishery** – 26.508 t (80% of 33.14 t) + 7.807 (50% of remaining quota) + 6.231 t (carry forward from 2015 Spring fishery) = **40.546 t**.

  If this quota is exceeded in the 2016 - 2017 Spring fishery, it will be deducted from the 2017 -2018 Spring fishery allocation.

Season: **05:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs Thursday, May 19**

Area: Groundfish Areas 4T9a and 4T9b.

Eligible Participants: **Gulf Nova Scotia** longline licence holders, vessel class **A69.** As agreed in previous years, eligible harvesters may fish in either the Spring or Summer halibut fisheries, but not both within the 2016-2017 management cycle.

Fishing Gear: Longline only

- Minimum hook size: opening must be equal to or greater than 15.4 mm.
- Number of Hooks - Unlimited

Dockside Monitoring: 100 % DMP

Observer Coverage: Industry funded at sea observer coverage at **a minimum of 10%.**

Logbooks and Combined Forms: Logbooks are mandatory.

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