



*Gulf and Quebec Regions*

# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

## **2023 – Summer herring fishery in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence for Herring Fishing Areas 16A to 16G**

**MONCTON (NB) and QUÉBEC (QC) – June 30, 2023** – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the beginning of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence herring summer fishery on July 3, 2023 for Herring Fishing Areas (HFAs) 16A to 16G. A Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 250 t, taken from the herring fall TAC, is available for the summer fishery.

### **NEW for 2023**

#### **Mandatory hail out for harvesters in the Gulf and Quebec Regions**

DFO is implementing a mandatory hail out for the commercial and bait herring fisheries in 2023 for all harvesters from the Gulf and Quebec Regions.

#### **Bait landings part of the TAC**

Bait catches will be counted as part of the TAC.

Table 1 presents a summary of other management measures for this fishery. Harvesters must refer to the conditions of licence for compliance requirements.

#### **TAC for the herring summer fishery (250 t)**

<b>Fleets</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>TAC (t)</b>
Fixed gear, HFAs 16A to 16G	76.07%	190
Fixed gear, HFA 17	1.00%	3
Mobile gear	22.93%	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>

#### **Allocations available - Fixed gear fleet (190 t)**

<b>HFA</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Allocations (t)</b>
16A	0.79%	2
16B	47.54%	90
16C&E	15.77%	30
16D	3.29%	6
16F	16.30%	31
16G	16.30%	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>190</b>



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**TABLE 1 – 2023 management measures of the summer herring fishery for the inshore fleet**

Fishing Area	Monitoring <sup>1</sup>	Allocations <sup>2</sup> (t)	Period	Net <sup>3</sup> (mesh size / depth / length)	Closures <sup>4</sup>	Trip Limit
16A Île Verte	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	2	July 1 - Dec. 31	63.5 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	One landing per day
16B Chaleurs bay	NB: DMP - 100% and mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out Qc: CMP - 100%, DMP - 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	90	July 1 - July 31	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 125 fathoms	None	One landing per day with a daily limit of 10,206 kg (22,500 lbs)
16 C&E Escuminac, Western PEI and northern GNS	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	30	July 3 - TBD	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	18:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday	One landing per day with a daily limit of 5,670 kg (12,500 lbs)
16D Magdalen Islands	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	6	July 1 - Dec. 31	66.7 mm min./ 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	None
16F Pictou	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	31	July 3 - Aug. 18	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 100 fathoms	18:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday	One landing per day, with daily limit self-managed by industry
16G Northside	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	31	July 3 - TBD	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	15:00 Friday to 15:00 Sunday	Maximum 2 landings per day, with daily and weekly limit self-managed by industry
16G Southside				66.7 mm min. / 100 mesh / 150 fathoms		

1 – DMP - dockside monitoring program / CMP - catch monitoring program. E-log – Electronic logbook.

2 – The allocations will be adjusted based on the summer fishery landings.

3 – Tagging of gillnets is required in all HFAs.

4 – Dates and times are based on Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). No nets to remain in the water during the closures.