



2023 - Conservation Harvesting Plan for the herring fall fishery in Herring Fishing Areas 16A to 16G – Fleets using gillnets (fall spawners component)

Moncton and Québec - August 8, 2023 - This Conservation Harvesting Plan (CHP) presents the management measures for fleets using gillnets.

For further information on fishing requirements and restrictions, licence holders must refer to their respective conditions of licence. Conditions of licence will be made available for participating harvesters in the National Online Licensing System (NOLS).

New management measures for 2023

Mandatory hail out for harvesters from 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

Bait catches will be counted as part of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC).

Other management measures

A summary of the management measures by Herring Fishing Areas (HFAs) is provided in **Table 1**.

- Any allocation overrun in a given year is reconciled against the following season allocation.

Herring Fishing Areas 16C & 16E

Group A (New Brunswick fish harvesters) and Group B (Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia fish harvesters) will begin the fall fishery with an initial competitive allocation of 333 t. When the initial competitive quota is reached, the remaining allocation will be divided equally between Group A and Group B. Any excess quota caught from the initial allocation will be deducted from the total allocation remaining for both groups.

Fish harvesters from HFA 16E who have received their conditions of licence to participate in the summer fishery will not have access to the fall fishery.

Herring Fishing Area 17

Access to HFA 17 (northern portion of 4Vn) will be subject to guidelines under the Maritimes Region herring management plan.



TABLE 1 – 2023 management measures of the fall herring fishery for fleets using gillnets

Fishing Area	Monitoring ¹	Allocations ² (t)	Period	Net ³ (mesh size / depth / length)	Closures ⁴	Trip Limit
16A Île Verte	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log and hail out	18	July 1 - Dec. 31	63.5 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	One landing per day
16B Chaleurs bay	NB: DMP - 100%, mandatory logbook and hail out Qc: CMP - 100%, DMP - 25% Mandatory E-log and hail out	5,267	Aug 20 - Dec 31	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 125 fathoms	Friday 13:00 to Sunday 19:00 and weekdays 13:00 to 19:00	One landing per day, daily limit of 10,206 kg (22,500 lbs) or self-managed by industry
Small seiners		157				
16 C&E Escuminac, Western PEI and northern GNS	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	2,218 Competitive fishery (333 t), remaining tonnage equally divided to Groups A and B	Sept 3 - Dec 31	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	Friday 11:00 to Sunday 19:00 and weekdays 11:00 to 19:00	Daily limit of 9,752 kg (21,500 lbs) or daily limit self-managed by industry (for Group A)
16D Magdalen Islands	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log and hail out	75	July 1 - Dec. 31	66.7 mm min./ 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	None
16F Pictou	DMP – 100% Mandatory E-log and hail out	2,279	Sept 17 – Oct 13	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 100 fathoms	Friday 12:00 to Sunday 18:00 and weekdays 12:00 to 18:00	One landing per day, with daily limit self-managed by industry
16G Northside (see chart 1)	DMP – 100% Mandatory E-log and hail out	1,515 Divided as follow: 20% North side (303 t) 80% South side (1,212 t)	Sept 3 - Oct 6	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.

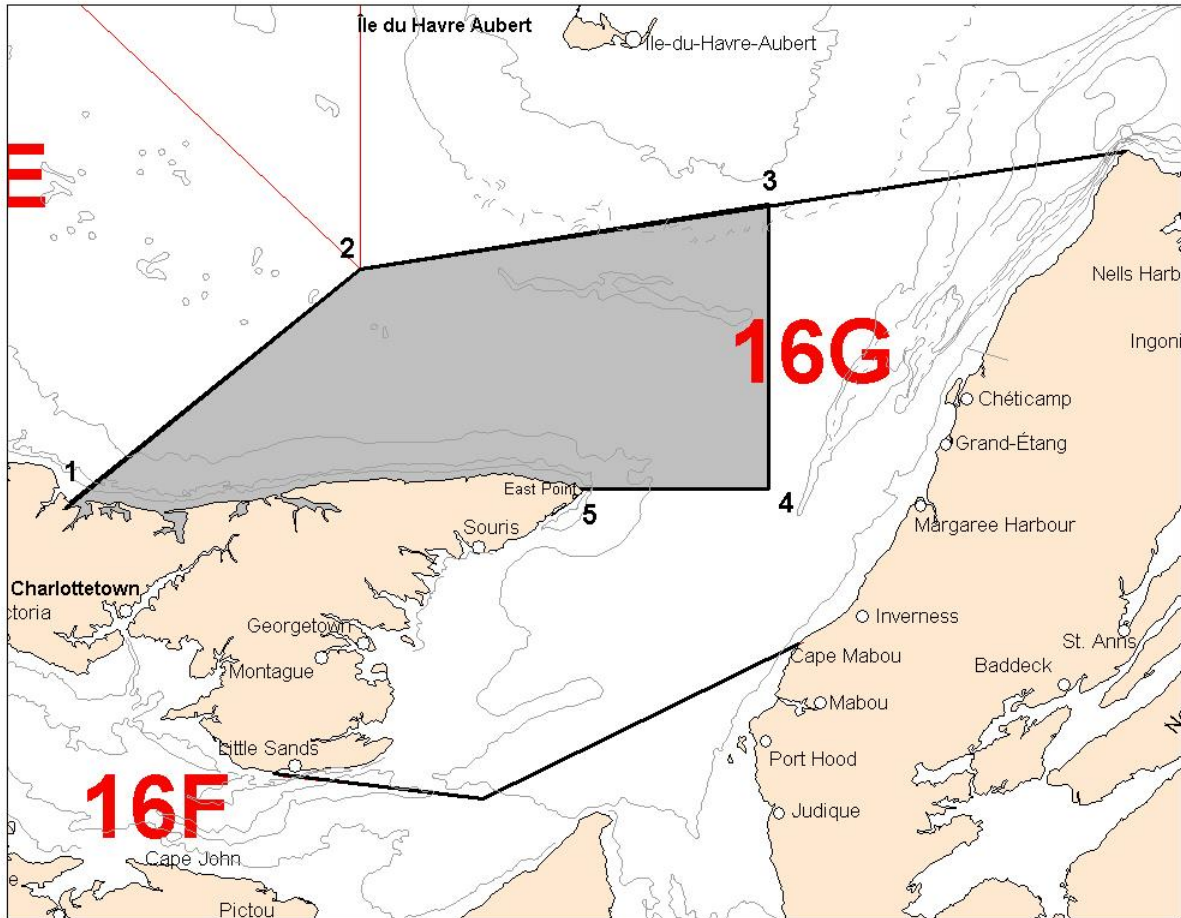
3 – Tagging of gillnets is required in all HFAs.

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



CHART 1

Northern part of HFA 16G



The Northern portion of HFA 16G defined as the waters enclosed by the coastline and rhumb lines (similar to straight lines drawn on a nautical chart) joining the following points in the order in which they are listed:

1. 46° 26' 00" N - 63° 15' 00" W
2. 46° 50' 00" N - 62° 32' 00" W
3. 46° 56' 42" N - 61° 30' 00" W
4. 46° 26' 55" N - 61° 30' 00" W
5. 46° 26' 55" N - 61° 58' 25" W (EAST POINT)

Note: When the geographic boundary of an area is expressed in latitude and longitude, these point references are based on the geodesic system North American Datum 1927 (NAD27). The positions are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds.



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