



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2023-2024 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A69
SUMMER FISHERY OPENING DATE**

Antigonish, NS – July 17, 2023 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada announces that the Atlantic halibut fishery will open for Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) fixed-gear licence holders, using vessel class A69 in the portions of NAFO Division 4T known as 4T1, 4T8, 4T2b and the southern portion of 4T2a enclosed by rhumb lines joining the following points in the order in which they are listed below:

Point	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)
1.	47°40'00"	60°35'02,1"
2.	47°40'00'	63°18'55,76"
3.	47°33'00"	63°26'42"
4.	47°30'00"	63°30'00"
5.	46°50'00"	61°32'00"
6.	47°00'00"	61°21'24"
7.	47°09'00"	61°10'00"
8.	47°40'00"	60°35'02,1"

There is approximately **17 t** of quota remaining for the 2023 GNS Atlantic halibut summer fishery.

This fishery will take place from 05:00 hrs Wednesday, July 19, 2023 to 20:00 hrs Friday, July 21, 2023. These opening dates may be modified due to weather conditions. Landings will be monitored and the length of opening(s) and fishing areas may be modified due to quota remaining after each opening.

Replacement vessels or vessel transfers will only be authorized from another fisher whose homeport is in the Gulf Nova Scotia administrative area.

Should portions or all of 4T1, 4T8, 4T2a or 4T2b close due to the North Atlantic right whales dynamic closure protocol, Atlantic halibut fishing for the vessel class A69 will be permitted but it will be mandatory to closely attend fishing gear as identified in the conditions of licence.

Fishers are reminded that during the period where fishing is authorized, it is the responsibility of the licence holder to take into account the marine safety notices issued, among others, by Environment and Climate Change Canada and Transport Canada, as well as the standards and best practices in marine safety, and to take all measures to ensure a safe fishery.

NEW in 2023

Hail Out

Commencing in 2023 fishing season, fish harvesters from both Gulf and Quebec Regions will be required to dial a new telephone number when hailing out. The new telephone number

1-833-699-2013 (toll free) or 1-506-431-3223 (satellite phone only) will need to be used for new hails, modified hails and cancelled hails. This will direct fish harvesters to a call centre and replace the Vessel Hail Out System (Interactive Voice Recognition System – IVR) until further notice.

2023 Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic right whales

The Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW) can be found at the following address: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>.

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