



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

16 F Herring 2025 Fall Herring Fishery

Antigonish, NS – August 26, 2025

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) wishes to advise the 2025 16 F fall herring fishery Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is 1,281 t. This includes a reduction of the 10 t that the 2024 16 F TAC was exceeded by.

The fall fishery will open at 18:00 hours on Sunday, September 14, 2025 until 12:00 hours on October 10, 2025 or until the quota is harvested, whichever comes first. In 2025, daily closures will again be implemented for the fall fishery from 12:00 hours to 18:00 hours in addition to weekend closures for all weekends while the fishery is open.

Fall weekend closures:

1. 12:00 hours Friday, September 19 to 18:00 hours Sunday, September 21
2. 12:00 hours Friday, September 26 to 18:00 hours Sunday, September 28
3. 12:00 hours Friday, October 3 to 18:00 hours Sunday, October 5

The fishing depth restriction of 50 feet in a portion of 16F will again be implemented by Conditions of Licence in 2025.

Hail Out – Fishers must hail out at least 1 hour before departing for each fishing trip as per the Conditions of Licence.

Electronic Logbook (ELOG) - The **voluntary** use of an ELOG for Gulf Region harvesters is authorized again in 2025. Additional information are available on the following website:
[Electronic logbooks \(ELOGS\) \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](https://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/electronic-logbooks)

Furthermore, it is 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.

Harvesters must refer to the conditions of licence for compliance requirements.

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