

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2016-2017 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT FIXED GEAR FLEET SUMMER ATLANTIC HALIBUT FISHERY OPENING

Antigonish – August 9, 2016: The Department of Fisheries and Oceans announces that fishing will be authorized for Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) fixed-gear licence holders fishing Atlantic halibut in Groundfish Fishing Areas 4T1, 4T8, and 4T2b with vessels less than 19.812 metres (65 feet) in overall length (vessel class A146).

The 2016-2017 GNS Atlantic halibut remaining available quota is 14.357 t.

Only those harvesters who did not participate in the GNS spring halibut fishery are eligible to participate in the summer halibut fishery.

This fishery is scheduled to take place from 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 16, 2016 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016. This period may be modified due to inclement weather or other circumstances.

The maximum number of hooks permitted to be fished or on board a vessel at any time will be 1000 per licence holder.

Please refer to the attached Conservation Harvesting Plan for additional management measures.

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