

Halibut Survey Meeting

Meeting held on Feb 20 2017 in Mont-Joli. (Attended by phone)

The objective of this meeting was to do a tagging project to assess the halibut stocks in the gulf to help better determine the size of the stock with intent to prove a larger sustainable quota is possible for the gulf by tagging halibut with satellite pop up tags. Fish would be caught and tagged at test stations spread evenly over the Gulf.

Throughout the meeting, we discussed how we would like to run this project. Some of the important points were that testing should be done in September to allow tagged fish to record data before having a chance of being caught. Number of test stations and the specifics of gear and bait used were also talked about so that there would be no discrepancies in the study. Funding for the study was discussed and how the study would be paid for. They hope to ask for some quota off the total to cover the costs of the project.