

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2019 GULF NOVA SCOTIA CATCH & RELEASE BLUEFIN TUNA FISHING

Antigonish (Nova Scotia) – Fisheries and Oceans Canada wishes to advise Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) tuna licence holders that The Catch & Release Bluefin Tuna fishing season for areas 4T & 4Wd will be from August 7 until October 31, 2019.

Management

A Marine Mammal Interaction Form (included with COL) must be completed and submitted by email to DFO.NAT.InteractionsMM-InteractionsMM.NAT.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca unless it is filled out online at: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/mammals-mammiferes/report-rapport/fish-harvester-pecheur-eng.asp> within 48 hours after the end of the fishing trip.

The management measures remain unchanged from the 2018 season and are reflective of the National Guidelines for the Bluefin Tuna Catch and Release Fishery.

DFO would like to remind fishers of the requirement to fill out a log sheet after each fishing trip and to submit the log sheets weekly to the DFO Area Office as per the instructions in the Conditions of Licence (COL).

REQUIRED TRAINING: Mandatory training on tagging and safe fish handling is required for fishers to take part in this fishery. New fishers who have yet to do this training must contact the Gulf Nova Scotia Area Office DFO for the required training.

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