

# **Notice to Fish Harvesters**

## **2020-2021 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T) FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A69 SPRING FISHERY OPENING DATE**

**Antigonish, NS– June 9, 2020:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada announces that the Atlantic halibut fishery will open for Gulf Nova Scotia fixed-gear licence holders, using vessel class A69, in the portions of NAFO Division 4T known as 4T9a and 4T9b.

The fishery will open for 16 hours from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. This opening date may be modified due to weather conditions or other circumstances. Should the fishery not open on Wednesday, an alternate opening will be on Thursday, June 18, 2020 or Friday, June 19, 2020. If conditions do not allow for an opening any of these days, industry will be consulted prior to the next opening.

The allocation for the 2020 Atlantic halibut spring fishery is **52.245 t**.

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 4T9a and 4T9b 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.

### **Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - Information for industry**

Canadian fisheries and aquaculture sectors provide the world with sustainably-sourced, high quality, high value, fish and seafood.

Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard is committed to supporting our fisheries and aquaculture industry during these difficult times. The Government of Canada is taking the necessary steps to ensure that you can continue to operate safely and effectively and we will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Visit our website to find out more:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/covid19/industry-industrie/index-eng.html>.

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