



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2020-2021 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A146
SUMMER FISHERY OPENING DATE**

Antigonish, NS – July 31, 2020 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada announces that the Atlantic halibut fishery will open for Gulf Nova Scotia fixed-gear licence holders, using vessel class A146, in the portions of NAFO Division 4T known as 4T1, 4T8, 4T2a and 4T2b.

The allocation for the 2020 Atlantic halibut summer fishery is **24.677 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 will take place from 06:00 hrs Wednesday, August 26 to 18:00 hrs Thursday, August 27, 2020 and from 06:00 hrs Wednesday, September 2 to 18:00 hrs Thursday, September 3, 2020. There will be no consideration of delaying the fishery due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances. Landings will be monitored and the length of opening and fishing areas may be modified due to quota remaining after each opening.

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 4T1, 4T8, 4T2a and 4T2b close due to the North Atlantic right whales dynamic closure protocol, Atlantic halibut fishing for the vessel class A146 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.

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Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic right whales

The management measures to protect the right whales are available at the following Internet address: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>

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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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