



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2021-2022 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A146
SUMMER FISHERY OPENING DATE**

Antigonish, (NS) – September 15, 2021

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) 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.

This fishery will take place from 06:00 hrs Tuesday, September 21, 2021 to 18:00 hrs Saturday, September 25, 2021. There will be no consideration of delaying the fishery due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances.

There is approximately 19.2 t of quota remaining for the 2021 GNS Atlantic halibut summer fishery.

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.

.../2

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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Alan Dwyer
Area Manager, Resource Management
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Antigonish, NS
902-735-7114
Alan.Dwyer@dfo-mpo.gc.ca