



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2022-2023 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A69
SUMMER FISHERY FOURTH OPENING**

Antigonish, NS – September 2, 2022 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada announces that the Atlantic halibut fishery will open for Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) fixed-gear licence holders, using vessel class A69 in the portions of NAFO Division 4T known as 4T1, 4T8 and 4T2b.

There is approximately **37 t** of quota remaining for the 2022 GNS Atlantic halibut summer fishery.

This fishery will take place from 06:00 hrs Wednesday, September 7, 2022 to 18:00 hrs Saturday, September 10, 2022. These opening dates may be modified due to weather conditions. Landings will be monitored and the length of opening(s) 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 or 4T2b 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.

NEW in 2022

Fishing Gear Reporting System (or Lost Gear Reporting)

A new online system was launched in July 2021 to allow commercial harvesters to conveniently input lost and retrieved gear information from any smart electronic device. The system is able to capture information such as descriptions, cause of loss and location of the lost gear. Harvesters can create their account and begin reporting through the system at this website: Sign in (dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

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Discarding Waste

In 2022, all commercial fisheries in Canada have a new condition of licence relating to the discharge of garbage from Canadian fishing vessels. The licence holder/operator is prohibited from discarding in Canadian fisheries waters from their vessel anything that may be harmful to fish or fish habitat. Refer to the Notice to Fish Harvesters sent on April 7, 2022 for further details: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/sdc-cps/index-eng.html> .

Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic right whales

The Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW) can be found at the following address: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>

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