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# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

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

**Antigonish, NS – April 14, 2023** – 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, 4T2a, 4T2b, 4T9a and 4T9b.

There is approximately 64 t of quota remaining for the 2022 GNS Atlantic halibut fishery.

This fishery will take place from 05:00 hrs Sunday, April 16, 2023 to 20:00 hrs Friday, April 21, 2023. Landings will be monitored and the length of opening and fishing areas may be modified due to quota remaining.

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, 4T2b, 4T9a or 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.

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**Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic right whales**

The Management measures to minimize interactions with North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW) will be communicated separately and posted online 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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