



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2024-2025 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A69
SUMMER FISHERY OPENING DATE**

Antigonish, NS – August 13, 2024 – 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, 4T2b and the southern portion of 4T2a enclosed by rhumb lines joining the following points in the order in which they are listed below:

Point	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)
1.	47°40'00"	60°35'02,1"
2.	47°40'00"	63°18'55,76"
3.	47°33'00"	63°26'42"
4.	47°30'00"	63°30'00"
5.	46°50'00"	61°32'00"
6.	47°00'00"	61°21'24"
7.	47°09'00"	61°10'00"
8.	47°40'00"	60°35'02,1"

There is approximately **6.5 t** of quota remaining for the 2024 GNS Atlantic halibut Summer fishery.

This fishery will take place from 05:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs Thursday, August 15, 2024.

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 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.

2024 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: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>

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