

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2017 COMMERCIAL BLUEFIN TUNA FISHING **GULF NOVA SCOTIA**

Antigonish (Nova Scotia) – Fisheries and Oceans Canada wishes to advise Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) tuna licence holders that the commercial tuna fishing season for areas 4T-4Wd will open on August 3, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. (ADT). The fishery will remain open until the quota is harvested or until November 18, 2017, whichever comes first. The total quota available is 44.417 t.

151 tags are available to the GNS fleet in 2017. Tags will be allocated using the revolving tag list that has been used the past several years.

Tag transfers are permitted during the 2017 season. Licence holders may receive a maximum transfer of two tags during the season. A tuna licence holder can only do one of the following, not both:

- transfer tag(s) to another fisherman;
- receive tag(s) in a transfer.

The revolving tag list will be resumed if additional tag allocations are available upon review of landings on September 27, 2017.

In 2017, there will be no reallocation of tags. The tags and conditions of licence will be valid for the entire 2017 season unless the quota is landed and the season is closed.

Tags will be available for pick up at the Gulf Nova Scotia Area Office in Antigonish on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., or by appointment by calling 1-855-634-2355 or by emailing GulfInfoGolfe@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

New Management Measures for 2017:

- There will be a requirement to hail in to a Dockside monitoring company prior to returning to port for every trip, regardless if you have caught a fish. Refer to Annex C in your licence conditions.



- Tail cuts:

The following is prohibited until the fish has been offloaded:

- a) The extraction of flesh from a tuna between the second dorsal fin and tail;
- b) The removal of the tail and

Notwithstanding a and b, an incision between the second dorsal fin and tail is permitted for the sole purpose of bleeding the fish.

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