



Summary of recommendations for the 2022 herring fall fishery

Name of organisation	Herring Fishing Area	Summary of recommendations
Barry Group Inc. (David Barry)	4RSTVn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) (18,000 t). • Conduct more work on seal predation and allow Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) science research to be informed by findings and recommendations recently released from the Atlantic Seal Science Task Team report. • No recommendation at this time on the subject of spawning stock distribution and the application of quota shares until further discussions take place. • Provide the seiner fleet access to 3Pn for the purpose of fishing the overwintering fall spawning herring from 4T. • Considers pelagic trawl designation for large mobile purse seine licenses. • In support of the recommendation made by the Nova Scotian Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to include industry vessel capacity in the annual herring survey. • In support of the recommendation from the Prince Edward Island Fishermen’s Association (PEIFA) regarding the terms of reference in order to establish a clear process for transparency around recommendations submitted to the Minister.
Cap-Pelé Herring Export Inc. (Mario Cormier)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • Seriously look at measures to address the predation situation. • Work on alternate ways to maximize recruitment.
The Maritimes Fishermen’s Union (MFU) Martin Mallet	16B 16C&16E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • Opening date as early as August 14, 2022. • Status quo for the other management measures. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • A decrease in the number of nets from ten to eight, but only after measurable and concrete actions are taken to address the effects of seal predation on the herring stocks. • Status quo for the other management measures. • Not in support of the management approach per sector at this time.
Prince Edward Island Fishermen’s Association (PEIFA)	16C&E, 16G and 16F	<p><u>Gulf Small Pelagics Advisory Committee (GSPAC) recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency in the content of the memorandum to the minister, more specifically requesting access to the final recommendations and options developed by DFO. • Requesting that the fishing industry participate in the Federal/Provincial bait working group. • Requesting a meeting with David Giard to further discuss the management approach per sector.



		<p><u>TAC recommendation :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. <p><u>16C&E recommendations :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the reserve for the 16C&E fishery under the current sharing arrangements. • Summer fishery : temporary reduction in the summer fishery for 2022 with all tonnage initially allocated to summer automatically rolling over to the fall herring commercial fishery. • Opening date of August 28, 2022 with a 6-week fishery timeframe. • Weekend closures to remain in place noting that each week there are additional closures faced by the fleet due to inclement weather. Request for consideration of reopening a Friday if three to four weather delays persist on a given week. • Conduct additional data collection efforts beyond the fishery timeframe. • A reduction in daily limits from 21,500 to 20,000 pounds per night. • Status quo for the other management measures. <p><u>16G recommendations :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A freeze on the reserve tonnage until the fall herring stock is back in the healthy zone of the precautionary approach. • Temporarily reduce tonnage in the summer fishery in 2022 from 464 t to 200 t with unused summer quota to be rolled over to the fall herring fishery in 16G. • Opening date of September 4, 2022 with a 5-week season. • Continued co-management of landings through the overage program. • Status quo on the other management measures. <p><u>16F recommendations :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final management measures discussed in the summer between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia representatives each year. <p><u>Bait fishery recommendations :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening for fall herring bait from July 1st to December, 2022. • A reduction in daily limits from 5,000 to 3,500 pounds per week per fisher. • Other management measures to be rolled over including weekend closures, maximum of three nets per fisher and maintaining the current mesh size.
Produits Belle Baie Ltée. (Joe Foulem)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo (same as last year).



<p>Regroupement des pêcheurs professionnels du sud de la Gaspésie (RPPSG) (O'neil Cloutier)</p>	<p>16B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • Opening date of August 14, 2022. • Willingness to have a decrease in the number of nets, but only if measurable and concrete actions are taken to address the effects of seal predation on the herring stocks. • Reject the management approach per sector. • Status quo for the other management measures. • The timing of late April for the GSPAC meeting was too late which resulted in members unable to attend (fishing season had started).
<p>Transformateurs du sud de la Gaspésie (Jeffrey Vautier)</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • Not in support of the management approach per sector.
<p>Prince Edward Island Department of Fisheries & Communities</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the 12,000 t TAC. • In support of a fall herring bait fishery starting July 1, 2022 utilizing the new bait fishery logbooks with a weekly catch limit of 3,500 pounds. • Post-season initiative to retrieve lost gear after the fishing season. • In support of the PEIFA's management initiatives for 2022.
<p>The New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC (12,000 t). • Status quo for the other management measures. • Not supportive of the management approach by sector at this time. • Have a better understanding of the interactions between herring and it's predators (especially grey seals) and taking real actions to reduce the predation pressure.
<p>Le ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo for the TAC. • Finding a solution to reduce seal predation on herring. • Prohibiting fishing on the spawning grounds to allow for growth and renewal of the spawning stock. • As for the management approach by sector, we are dealing with a single stock, which moreover moves in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Therefore, fishing in one area may have an impact on the whole stock. Management measures must be similar for all sectors. • The advisory committee meeting should be held earlier (February or March) to allow as many fishermen as possible to attend.
<p>Oceans North (Katie Schleit)</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum TAC of 10,000 t. • Regulate the bait fishery as part of the TAC. • Continue the work on implementing an ecosystem approach to fisheries management with a focus on predator/prey interactions.
<p>Oceana Canada (Isabelle Jubinville)</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the TAC to 8,000 t. • Follow science advice in order to promote stock growth to the healthy zone. • Develop a rebuilding plan for this spawning component that is compliant with the new rebuilding regulations.