



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

**2021-2022 GULF NOVA SCOTIA – ATLANTIC HALIBUT (4T)
FIXED GEAR FLEET, VESSEL CLASS A69
SPRING FISHERY OPENING DATE**

Antigonish, (NS) – March 3, 2022

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces that the Atlantic halibut fishery will open for Gulf Nova Scotia fixed-gear licence holders, using vessel class A69, in the portions of NAFO Division 4T known as 4T9a and 4T9b.

As per consultations with industry, this fishery will take place from 06:00 hrs Tuesday, March 29, 2022 to 18:00 hrs Thursday, March 31, 2022. There will be consideration of delaying the fishery due to ice conditions or inclement weather.

There is approximately 42.6 t of quota remaining for the 2021-2022 GNS Atlantic halibut spring fishery.

Only those harvesters who did not already participate in the 2021-2022 GNS Summer halibut fishery are eligible to participate in the Spring halibut fishery

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 4T9a and 4T9b close due to the North Atlantic right whales dynamic closure protocol, Atlantic halibut fishing for the vessel class A146 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 protect the right whales are available at the following Internet address: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/atl-arc/narw-bnan/management-gestion-eng.html>

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