

August 24, 2023

**EKME#: 7337718**

**Conservation Harvesting Plan  
16 F Commercial Fall Herring Fishery – 2023**

- Quota:** 2,279 t (1,860 t initial + 419 t from reserve)
- Season Opening:** Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 18:00 hours to Friday, October 13, 2023 at 12:00 hours
- Daily Closures:** 12:00 hours to 18:00 hours
- Weekend Closures:**
- 12:00 hrs Friday, September 22 to 18:00 hrs Sunday, September 24
  - 12:00 hrs Friday, September 29 to 18:00 hrs Sunday, October 1
  - 12:00 hrs Friday, October 6 to 18:00 hrs Sunday, October 8
- Trip Limit:** There will be no trip limit (kg) on the Conditions of Licence in accordance with the Overage project. Fish harvesters have agreed to limit their landings to 6,804 kg. Fish harvesters will not directly benefit from any amount in excess of this limit per trip as the funds will go to the Gulf Nova Scotia Herring Federation to conduct programs for the betterment of the fishery.
- Monitoring:** 100 % DMP  
Mandatory Logbooks  
Mandatory Hail Out
- Net (size/mesh deep/ length):** 66.7 mm min / 125 mesh / 100 fathoms. A maximum of two (2) sets of nets is permitted to be used in the fishery A maximum of 100 fathoms of nets are permitted to be fished with or on board the vessel.
- Fishing Restrictions:** While fishing in the portion of Herring Fishing Area (HFA) 16F between HFA 16E and a rhumb line drawn between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia following the longitude 62° 29' 00" W (NAD 83), no herring fishing nets are permitted to be fished or set in waters greater than 15.24 meters (50ft) in depth, regardless of tidal differences.
- Catch Limitations:** From September 17, 2022 until such time the fishery is closed, no nets or fishing gear shall be set or left in the water from 12:00 noon until 18:00 hrs per day or during any weekend closures. Herring shall be off-loaded only once per 18 hour opening from 18:00 until 12:00 the following day.
- Vessels:** Vessels to be used in this fishery must be from the same administrative area as the licence holder.

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