



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

16 F Herring 2023 Fall Herring Fishery

Antigonish, NS – August 24, 2023

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) wishes to advise 16 F herring licence holders that the 16 F fall quota is 2,279 t.

The fall fishery will open at 18:00 hours on Sunday, September 17, 2023 until 12:00 hours on October 13, 2023 or until the quota is harvested, whichever comes first. In 2023, daily closures will again be implemented for the fall fishery from 12:00 hours to 18:00 hours in addition to weekend closures for all weekends while the fishery is open.

Fall weekend closures:

1. 12:00 hours Friday, September 22 to 18:00 hours Sunday, September 24
2. 12:00 hours Friday, September 29 to 18:00 hours Sunday, October 1
3. 12:00 hours Friday, October 6 to 18:00 hours Sunday, October 8

The fishing depth restriction of 50 feet in a portion of 16F will again be implemented by Conditions of Licence in 2023.

New in 2023

Mandatory hail out for harvesters in the Gulf and Quebec Regions

All harvesters from the Gulf and Quebec Regions will be required to dial the telephone number **1-833-699-2013 or 1-506-431-3223 (satellite phone only)** for new hails, modified hails and cancelled hails for commercial and bait herring fishing trips.

Furthermore, it is 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.

Harvesters must refer to the conditions of licence for compliance requirements.

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