



Gulf and Quebec Regions

Notice to Fish Harvesters

2023 – Summer herring fishery in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence for Herring Fishing Areas 16A to 16G

MONCTON (NB) and QUÉBEC (QC) – June 30, 2023 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the beginning of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence herring summer fishery on July 3, 2023 for Herring Fishing Areas (HFAs) 16A to 16G. A Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 250 t, taken from the herring fall TAC, is available for the summer fishery.

NEW for 2023

Mandatory hail out for harvesters in the Gulf and Quebec Regions

DFO is implementing a mandatory hail out for the commercial and bait herring fisheries in 2023 for all harvesters from the Gulf and Quebec Regions.

Bait landings part of the TAC

Bait catches will be counted as part of the TAC.

Table 1 presents a summary of other management measures for this fishery. Harvesters must refer to the conditions of licence for compliance requirements.

TAC for the herring summer fishery (250 t)

Fleets	Shares	TAC (t)
Fixed gear, HFAs 16A to 16G	76.07%	190
Fixed gear, HFA 17	1.00%	3
Mobile gear	22.93%	57
TOTAL	100%	250

Allocations available - Fixed gear fleet (190 t)

HFA	Shares	Allocations (t)
16A	0.79%	2
16B	47.54%	90
16C&E	15.77%	30
16D	3.29%	6
16F	16.30%	31
16G	16.30%	31
TOTAL	100%	190



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TABLE 1 – 2023 management measures of the summer herring fishery for the inshore fleet

Fishing Area	Monitoring ¹	Allocations ² (t)	Period	Net ³ (mesh size / depth / length)	Closures ⁴	Trip Limit
16A Île Verte	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	2	July 1 - Dec. 31	63.5 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	One landing per day
16B Chaleurs bay	NB: DMP - 100% and mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out Qc: CMP - 100%, DMP - 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	90	July 1 - July 31	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 125 fathoms	None	One landing per day with a daily limit of 10,206 kg (22,500 lbs)
16 C&E Escuminac, Western PEI and northern GNS	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	30	July 3 - TBD	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	18:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday	One landing per day with a daily limit of 5,670 kg (12,500 lbs)
16D Magdalen Islands	CMP - 100% DMP – 25% Mandatory E-log Mandatory hail out	6	July 1 - Dec. 31	66.7 mm min./ 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	None
16F Pictou	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	31	July 3 - Aug. 18	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 100 fathoms	18:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday	One landing per day, with daily limit self-managed by industry
16G Northside	DMP – 100% Mandatory logbook Mandatory hail out	31	July 3 - TBD	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	15:00 Friday to 15:00 Sunday	Maximum 2 landings per day, with daily and weekly limit self-managed by industry
16G Southside				66.7 mm min. / 100 mesh / 150 fathoms		

1 – DMP - dockside monitoring program / CMP - catch monitoring program. E-log – Electronic logbook.

2 – The allocations will be adjusted based on the summer fishery landings.

3 – Tagging of gillnets is required in all HFAs.

4 – Dates and times are based on Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). No nets to remain in the water during the closures.