Gulf and Quebec Regions

Notice to Fish Harvesters

2025 – Summer herring fishery in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence for Herring Fishing Areas 16A to 16G

MONCTON (NB) and QUÉBEC (QC) – June 24, 2025 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the beginning of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence herring summer fishery on July 1, 2025 for Herring Fishing Areas (HFAs) 16A to 16G. An interim Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 250 t, taken from the herring fall fishery TAC, is available for the summer fishery.

Eligible fish harvesters who wish to participate in this fishery must refer to Conditions of Licence that will be available on the <u>National Online Licensing System.</u>

2025 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Annex 1 presents a summary of management measures for this fishery.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTERIM TAC

2025 interim TAC for the herring summer fishery per fleet

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

2025 Allocations available for the fixed gear fleet per HFA

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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Annex 1 – 2025 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 - Targeted rate of 100% Elog and hail out	2	July 1 - Dec. 31	63.5 mm min. / 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	One landing per day
16B Chaleurs Bay	Gulf: DMP - 100% Logbook or Elog, and hail out Quebec: CMP - 100% DMP - Targeted rate of 100% Elog and 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% Logbook or Elog, and hail out	30	July 1 - 22 Aug.	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 – Targeted rate of 100% Elog and hail out	6	July 1 - Dec. 31	66.7 mm min./ 125 mesh / 150 fathoms	None	None
16F Pictou	DMP – 100% Logbook or Elog, and hail out	31	July 1 - Aug. 15	66.7 mm min. / 125 mesh / 100 fathoms	12:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday	One landing per day, with daily limit self-managed by industry
16G Northside	DMP – 100% Logbook or Elog, and hail out	31	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		Logbook or Elog, and hail out		66.7 mm min. / 100 mesh / 150 fathoms		

^{1 –} DMP - dockside monitoring program / CMP - catch monitoring program / Elog – 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.