



Notice to PEI Atlantic Halibut Fish Harvesters

2026 PEI HALIBUT REGISTRATION

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) will be announcing the details of the 2026 commercial PEI Atlantic Halibut fishery soon and have advised that 125.298 mt of halibut will be available to PEI.

The recommended management plan is based on individual catch limits for each PEI groundfish harvester who registers for the fishery. Not registering or participating in the 2026 halibut fishery will not prevent an eligible harvester from participating in this fishery in future years.

The anticipated dates of the season will be confirmed with DFO shortly. The recommendations include two openings in July, one opening in September, one opening in October and reallocation fishery to follow if necessary. Other management measures are expected to be similar to last year.

NEW in 2026:

- The DFO has announced the official re-opening of the directed longline Atlantic halibut fishery in sub-areas 4T5/4T7.
- Beginning this season, fishers with a court conviction from a groundfish related offence or a Section 52 science related offence may be restricted from participating in the Section 52 halibut longline science survey.

Fishers wanting to participate in the 2026 PEI Commercial Halibut Fishery are **required** to register with the PEI Fishermen's Association during the registration period.

~ REGISTRATION DETAILS ~

Registration Dates:	Thursday, June 4 th until 4:30PM Monday, June 15 th , 2026
Fee:	\$251.00 including HST. The fee covers fleet observer coverage and contribution towards groundfish fleet improvement activities.
Payment Method:	Online payment with credit card (Visa, Mastercard or AMEX). Contact the PEIFA Office if you require another method of payment.
How to Register:	Fishers can register online from June 4 th to June 15 th at www.peifa.org . Click the tab "Registrations & Renewal", then "PEI Halibut Fishery Registration" to enter registration info and the secure link for payment will follow OR register in person OR over the phone through the PEIFA by calling 902-566-4050 Ext #1 or #2 from Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30 PM.
Required Information:	Fisher's name (and company name if applicable), phone #, FIN #, homeport, vessel name, VRN#, and Groundfish license #. Additional info required for at-sea observer coverage's vessel safety checklist includes: the # of persons on board including Captain, # of inflatable life rafts onboard (and # persons raft is capable of accommodating), # of life rafts other than inflatable, # of life jackets onboard.

Registrations after 4:30 PM, Monday, June 15th, 2026, will NOT be accepted.

There will be NO REFUND on Registration Fees.

The list of registered fishers will be submitted to DFO, and the fishery will open via variation order for those fishers. The number of registered fishers is important to determine the individual catch limit per fisher for the 2026 PEI commercial halibut fishery only.

For further information on the registration, contact the PEIFA at 902-566-4050 Ext #1 or #2.

A copy of the 2026 Halibut Conservation Harvesting Plan will be posted on the website at www.peifa.org when DFO makes this information available.

For more information on the management plan, contact Chris Mills, DFO Chief Resource Management at Chris.Mills@dfo-mpo.gc.ca