



# Notice to Fish Harvesters

## 2026 and 2027 – MANAGEMENT APPROACH PER SECTOR AND TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR THE HERRING FALL FISHERY OF THE SOUTHERN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE (Fall spawner component)

**MONCTON (NB) and QUÉBEC (QC) – July 3, 2026** – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the implementation of the management Approach per Sector (MAS) for the distribution of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the herring fall fishery (fall spawners component) of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence (sGSL). The MAS aligns with the updated scientific model used for the stock assessment and distributes the TAC with the biomass estimates of each sector.

The sector catch limits are set at : 6,500 t (north), 3,000 t (central) and 6,000 t (south) for a total TAC of 15,500 t for the sGSL in 2026 and 2027. The allocations are distributed according to the fleet and HFA shares per sector (Annex 1).

### 2026 and 2027 sector catch limits per fleet

Sector	North		Central		South	
	Inshore	Mobile	Inshore	Mobile	Inshore	Mobile
<b>Catch limits (t)</b>	4,945	1,490	2,282	688	4,564	1,376

### 2026 and 2027 inshore fleet allocations for HFAs 16A to 16G and 17

Sector	HFA	Allocation (t)
North	16A	79
	16B	4,865
Central	16C and 16E	2,282
South	16D	420
	16F	2,072
	16G	2,072
	17*	155

\* 1% of the catch limit total in all three sectors; no fishing activities.

Note: Any allocation overrun in a given year is reconciled against the following season allocation.

## ANNEX 1

## Fleet and HFA shares per sector

## Fleet shares per sector

Sector	North		Central		South	
	Inshore	Mobile	Inshore	Mobile	Inshore	Mobile
Share (%)	76.07%	22.93%	76.07%	22.93%	76.07%	22.93%

## Distribution of the inshore fleet share per sector and HFA

Sector	HFA	Share (%)
North	16A	1.6%
	16B	98.4%
Central	16C&E	100.0%
South	16D	9.2%
	16F	45.4%
	16G	45.4%

## Distribution of the mobile fleet share per sector

Sector	Share (%)	Fishery
North	Inside Chaleur Bay (maximum of 50%)	Fall fishery and <i>Edge</i> fishery (May-June)
	Outside Chaleur Bay	
Central	100%	
South	100%	

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