



Notice to PEI Atlantic Halibut Fish Harvesters 2023 PEI HALIBUT REGISTRATION

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) will be announcing the details of the 2023 commercial PEI Atlantic Halibut fishery soon and have advised that 86 mt of halibut will be available to PEI. **The anticipated management plan will be based on individual catch limits for each PEI groundfish harvester who registers for the fishery.** Not registering or participating in the 2023 halibut fishery will not prevent an eligible harvester from participating in this fishery in future years. The anticipated dates of the season are as follows with confirmation by DFO anticipated soon.

- 1st opening: The week of July 10th (# of days TBD)
- 2nd opening: The week of July 24th (# of days TBD)
- 3rd opening: The week of September 11th (# of days TBD)
- 4th opening: The week of September 25th (# of days TBD)
- Reallocation fishery date if required: The week of October 16th (# of days TBD)

Other management measures are expected to be similar to last year.

A request to DFO by the PEIFA and the MFU has been made to reopen 4T5/4T7 (North Western PEI & NB and Western half of Northumberland Strait) to the 2023 PEI & NB halibut fisheries after a two year pilot project was completed. We await final decision by DFO on this important request.

Fishers wanting to participate in the 2023 PEI Commercial Halibut fishery are **required** to register with the PEI Fishermen's Association during the eleven-day online registration period.

~ REGISTRATION DETAILS ~

Registration Dates: Friday, June 9th until 4:30PM, Monday, June 19th, 2023

Fee: \$250.00 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 for payment.

How to Register: Fishers can register online or by phone. Online link is www.peifa.org and click the tab 'PEI Halibut Fishery Registration' to enter registration info and the secure link for payment will follow. To register by phone call 902-566-4050.

Required Information: Fisher's name (and company name if applicable), phone #, FIN #, homeport, vessel name, VRN#, Groundfish license #. Additional info required for at-sea observer coverage's vessel safety checklist includes: # 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 4:30PM, Monday, June 19th, 2023 will NOT be accepted

There will be NO REFUNDS 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 2023 PEI Commercial halibut fishery only.

For further information on the registration contact the PEIFA at 902-566-4050. A copy of the 2023 Halibut Conservation Harvesting Plan will be posted on the website at www.peifa.org when DFO makes this information available. For information on the management plan, contact Ben Moore, DFO Chief Resource Manager at Benjamin.Moore@dfo-mpo.gc.ca .