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# *Notice to Fish Harvesters*

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## 2022 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – ATLANTIC HALIBUT FISHERY - RESCHEDULING 4<sup>TH</sup> OPENING

**Charlottetown, PEI – September 29, 2022** - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is announcing the 4<sup>th</sup> opening for the Atlantic Halibut fishery in Prince Edward Island. **Licence holders for 4T5 and 4T7 pilot fishery will be eligible to participate. Licence holders who are fishing science quota will not be permitted to fish during the 4<sup>th</sup> opening of the commercial fishery.**

**Individual Allocation:** The Atlantic Halibut allocation for the PEI fixed gear fleet in 2022 will be 69.63 metric tonnes. Based on the number of registered participants, an individual catch limit of **335 kg round weight** will be implemented. To convert dressed (head on, gutted) weight to round weight, multiply dressed weight by 1.14.

**Season:** The 4<sup>th</sup> opening will now take place from **October 3 – 8, 2022**. The fishery will occur from **4 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the last day of this opening**. Licence holders are not permitted to leave port until **2 a.m. on the day of an opening and must return to port by 6 p.m. the last day of the opening**.

The Atlantic Halibut fishery will close when the quota nears zero metric tonne or the quota is captured. If more than 10% of the quota remains after the fourth opening, a list of eligible licence holders will be created and the quota redistributed based on the individual catch limit.

### **NEW management measures in place for the 2022 fishing season:**

#### **Discarding Waste**

In 2022, all commercial fisheries in Canada have a new condition of licence relating to the discharge of garbage from Canadian fishing vessels. The licence holder/operator is prohibited from discarding in Canadian fisheries waters from their vessel any time that may be harmful to fish or fish habitat.

New condition: *The licence holder/operator is prohibited from discarding in Canadian fisheries waters from their vessel any item that may be harmful to fish or fish habitat including but not limited to plastics, ropes, fishing gear, garbage bags, fuel, oil, rags, glass, bottles, metal, extruded polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam), and tires.*

Refer to the Notice to Fish Harvesters sent on April 7, 2022 for further details: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/sdc-cps/index-eng.html>

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