



Notice to Fish Harvesters

2024 and 2025 – TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR THE HERRING FALL FISHERY OF THE SOUTHERN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE (Fall spawner component)

MONCTON (NB) and QUÉBEC (QC) – July 8, 2024 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announces the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the herring fall fishery (fall spawners component) of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence for Herring Fishing Areas (HFAs) 16A to 16G and 17.

The TAC is set at 8,500 t with no overallocations for the 2024 and 2025 fisheries. The allocations are distributed according to fleet shares and the reserve distribution rules (Annex 1).

Allocation by fleet (metric tonnes)

| Fleet | 2024 and 2025 |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Inshore fleet – HFAs 16A-16G | 6,465 |
| Inshore fleet – HFA 17 | 85 |
| Gulf large purse seine fleet | 1,950 |

Inshore fleet allocations (metric tonnes) for HFAs 16A to 16G

| Herring Fishing Area | 2024 and 2025 |
|--|---------------|
| Reserve | 474 |
| Allocations following the distribution of the reserve | |
| 16A | 10 |
| 16B | 3,074 |
| 16C | 1,257 (C&E) |
| 16D | 43 |
| 16E | See 16C above |
| 16F | 1,291 |
| 16G | 858 |

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

ANNEX 1

2024 and 2025 – Reserve distribution rules

1. The reserve distribution rules are only applicable to the fixed gear fleet.
2. Each HFA will maintain its initial share at the closing of the fishing season.
3. The reserve is established according to predetermined percentage of the initial allocation from the following HFAs:
 - 80% of the allocation from HFA 16A
 - 80% of the allocation from HFA 16D
 - 18.548% of the allocation from HFA 16G
 - 80% of the allocation from HFA 17
4. The reserve is divided equally to HFAs 16C and 16E (50%) and 16F (50%).
5. The reserve distribution rules are evaluated annually to take into consideration conservation concerns.
6. If the allocation for HFA 16A, 16D or 16G is no longer sufficient after the reserve deductions, due to an increase in abundance, there will be a revision of the reserve distribution rules.

Allocations after reserve distribution

Reserve = 474 t

| HFA | Shares | Initial allocations (t) | Reserve (t) | Allocations after reserve deductions (t) | Reserve distribution (t) | Allocations (t) |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 16A | 0.79% | 51 | 41 | 10 | | 10 |
| 16B | 47.54% | 3,074 | | 3,074 | | 3,074 |
| 16C&E | 15.77% | 1,020 | | 1,020 | 237 | 1,257 |
| 16D | 3.29% | 213 | 170 | 43 | | 43 |
| 16F | 16.30% | 1,054 | | 1,054 | 237 | 1,291 |
| 16G | 16.30% | 1,054 | 195 | 858 | | 858 |
| 17* | 1% | 85 | 68 | 17 | | 85 |
| TOTAL | 100% | 6,550 | 474 | | 474 | 6,618 |

*Risk managed, no fishing activities.

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