



Notice to Atlantic Halibut Fish Harvesters ***Fixed Gear less than 13.1716 (45 feet), PEI Fleet***

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) is announcing the details of the 2015 commercial PEI Atlantic Halibut fishery.

This new halibut 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 2015 halibut fishery will not prevent an eligible harvester from participating in this fishery in future years. There are **two scheduled seasons** this year. The first is anticipated to open at 6AM, July 21st and close 6PM, July 24th, 2015. The second is anticipated to open at 6AM, September 1st and close 6PM, September 4th, 2015. Limits include nightly closures from 6PM to 6AM, hook limit of 300, hook size is 15.4mm. Fishers are **required** to register for the 2015 PEI Commercial Halibut fishery with the PEI Fishermen's Association during the two-day registration period. **Upon registration, each fisher must choose which fishing period they will participate in and their licence condition will only be valid for one of the two periods.**

~ REGISTRATION DETAILS ~

Registration Dates/Times: Noon-7PM on July 6th and July 7th, 2015

Location: Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown

Fee: \$250.00 including HST. The fee covers fleet observer coverage and a contribution to a groundfish rationalization program

Payment Method: Cash, Cheque, Credit or Debit Card

How to Register: Fishers can register in person, or send a representative with written permission authorizing registration on the fishers' behalf. Arrangements can also be made with the buyers/coops with proper authorization

Required Information: Fishers name, phone #, FIN #, vessel name, fishing period (July or September) and fishers will be required to sign a vessel safety form for Biorex observer coverage.

Registrations after 7PM, July 7th, 2015 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 2015 PEI Commercial halibut fishery only. If over 400 fishers register, an emergency meeting of those registered will be called to vote on further controls for the fishery.

For further information on the registration please contact the PEIFA at 902-566-4050. Also visit www.peifa.org for a copy of the 2015 Halibut Conservation Harvesting Plan. For more information on details of the management plan, please contact Chris Mills, DFO Chief Resource Manager at 902-566-7807.