



Gulf Region

Notice to Fish Harvesters

2022 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – ATLANTIC HALIBUT SECOND REALLOCATION FISHERY

Charlottetown, PE – October 24, 2022 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is announcing that there will be a second reallocation fishing period for Atlantic Halibut in Prince Edward Island (PEI). This second reallocation is for the PEI groundfish fixed gear fleet, with vessels less than 13.716 metres (45 feet) in overall length that have registered to fish Atlantic Halibut in 2022.

Individual Allocation: The Atlantic Halibut reallocation fishery has an individual catch limit of **335 kg round weight, for eligible participants**. To convert dressed (head on, gutted) weight to round weight, multiply dressed weight by 1.14. The maximum individual by-catch limit of cod is 50kg. All fishing activities must cease once this by-catch limit is reached.

Season: The second reallocation fishery will occur from **12 p.m. on October 25 until 4 p.m. on October 26 or until the quota is caught**. Licence holders are not permitted to leave port until 10 a.m. on the day of an opening and must return to port by 6 p.m. the day the fishery closes.

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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