

Notice to Fish Harvesters

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2016 Prince Edward Island Atlantic Halibut Fishery

Moncton, N.B. – July 19, 2016 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) today announces that fishing will be authorized for Prince Edward Island (PEI) fixed gear licence holders, with vessels less than 19.81 metres (65 feet) in overall length that have registered to fish Atlantic halibut in 2016.

INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION: The Atlantic halibut allocation for the PEI fixed gear fleet in 2016 will be 47.889 metric tonnes. Based on the number of registered participants, an individual catch limit of 157 kg will be implemented.

SEASON: In 2016, the Prince Edward Island Atlantic halibut fishery will take place every Wednesday and Thursday starting July 20 for six (6) consecutive weeks, ending on August 25, with daily close times of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. There will be no consideration of delaying the fishery due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances.

If more than 10% of the quota remains after August 25th, a list of eligible fishers will be created and the quota redistributed based on the initial individual catch limit. The reallocation fishery will be held from Tuesdays to Thursdays each week starting September 6. A new group of fishers will participate each week until 90% of the quota is caught.

All other management measures are similar to 2015 including:

- The maximum number of hooks permitted to be fished or on board a vessel at any time is 300.
- Maximum individual by-catch limit of 50kg of cod for each fishing period
- 100% Dockside Monitoring

Please refer to the attached Conservation Harvesting Plan for additional details and management measures related to this fishery.

The conditions of licence are now available to the licence holders. The Department wishes to remind licence holders that to be able to obtain their conditions, they need to attach an eligible vessel to their groundfish licence.

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