

# Notice to Fish Harvesters

## FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN ATLANTIC HALIBUT IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

**Moncton, Québec City, St. John's, Dartmouth – May 21, 2015** - The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) today announced the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Atlantic halibut in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Divisions 4RST). **A TAC of 1036.8 t for 4RST** will be established as of May 15, 2015. The sharing formula stabilized in 2013 will be used to distribute the first 864 t of quota, and the remaining 172.8 t will be shared equally between the eight regional inshore fixed gear fleets currently involved in the directed Atlantic halibut fishery in 4RST.

As a result, the **2015-2016 and 2016-2017 initial allocations per fleet** (calculated before quota reconciliation or carry-forward of previously uncaught quota when applicable) are as follows:

Fleet	Allocation (t)
Gulf New Brunswick	71.64
Gulf Nova Scotia	50.11
Gulf Prince Edward Island	46.38
Western Newfoundland	254.47
Quebec North Shore	92.54
Gaspe	336.16
Magdalen Islands	73.48
Scotia Fundy (4Vn Management Board)	47.54
Mobile Gear < 19.81 m	15.19
Fixed Gear 19.81 m – 30.48 m	29.64
Mobile Gear 19.81 m – 30.48 m	4.45
Vessels > 30.48 m	15.19

The management cycle for Gulf groundfish is from May 15 to May 14 of the following year, and the Atlantic halibut 4RST stock is managed under a two-year period. The Department will continue to regularly collect data and monitor this stock on an annual basis, so it can detect any changes in stock status and take any necessary action.

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