

GULF REGION CLOSE TIME AND QUOTA VARIATION ORDER 2018-035

The Regional Director General, Gulf Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, pursuant to paragraph 43(1)(m) of the *Fisheries Act* and subsection 6(1) of the *Fishery (General) Regulations*, hereby makes the annexed Order varying the close time and the quota for recreational fishing for groundfish in Division 4T.

Dated at Moncton, New Brunswick, June 13, 2018.

Alain Hébert
Acting Regional Director General
Gulf Region

ORDER VARYING THE CLOSE TIME AND QUOTA FOR
RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR GROUND FISH IN DIVISION 4T

Short Title

1. This Order may be cited as the *Gulf Region Close Time and Quota Variation Order 2018-035*.

Variation

2. *Gulf Region Close Time and Quota Variation Order 2018-010* is hereby revoked.

3. The close time as fixed by subsection 91(1) of the *Atlantic Fishery Regulations, 1985* is hereby varied so that no person shall engage in recreational fishing for groundfish in the waters of Division 4T as set out in column I of Table I, during the close times as set out in column II of Table I of this Order.

4. The quota as fixed by subsection 91(3) of the *Atlantic Fishery Regulations, 1985* is hereby varied so that no person engaged in recreational fishing for groundfish shall, on any day, catch and retain more than a quota of groundfish of all species in the aggregate except skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish of which the daily quota is varied to zero, as set out in column III of Table I of this Order in the waters of Division 4T as set out in column I of Table I of this Order.

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5. The quota as fixed by paragraph 91(3)(a) and 91(3)(b) of the *Atlantic Fishery Regulations, 1985* is hereby varied so that no person engaged in recreational fishing for groundfish shall, on any day, catch and retain more than a quota of groundfish of all species in the aggregate as set out in column III of Table I of this Order in the waters of Division 4T as set out in column I of Table I of this Order.

Coming Into Force

6. This Order shall come into force on the date of signature and remains in force until January 31, 2019, unless otherwise revoked, at which time the close time and quota shall revert to those set out in section 91 of the said Regulations.

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The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of Quebec off the North shore of the St. Lawrence River between Baie-Saint-Paul and Tadoussac.	Beginning on June 7, 2018 to July 6, 2018 and Beginning on August 13, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and from sunset each day until sunrise on the following day.	Daily bag limit of, fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

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The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of Quebec off the North shore of the St. Lawrence River between Tadoussac and Pointe-des-Monts.	Beginning on June 7, 2018 to July 6, 2018 and Beginning on August 6, 2018, to September 14, 2018 and Beginning on September 24, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and from sunset each day until sunrise on the following day.	Daily bag limit of, fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

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<p>The waters of Division 4T within 50 meters of the coastline adjacent to the Province of Quebec off the shores of the lower St. Lawrence River and Gaspésie Peninsula.</p>	<p>Beginning on July 7, 2018 to August 12, 2018</p> <p>and</p> <p>Beginning on October 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019</p>	<p>Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.</p>
<p>The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of Quebec off the shores of the lower St. Lawrence River and Gaspésie Peninsula.</p>	<p>Beginning on June 7, 2018 to July 6, 2018</p> <p>and</p> <p>Beginning on August 13, 2018 to January 31, 2019</p> <p>and</p> <p>from sunset each day until sunrise on the following day.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.</p>

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The waters of the portion of Division 4T, known as 4T2a, within 50 meters of the coastline adjacent to the Magdalen Islands.	Beginning on July 21, 2018 to August 26, 2018 and Beginning on October 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019	Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.
The waters of the portion of Division 4T, known as 4T2a, adjacent to the Magdalen Islands.	Beginning on June 7, 2018 to July 20, 2018 and Beginning on August 27, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and from sunset each day until sunrise on the following day.	Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

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The waters of Division 4T within 50 meters of the coastline adjacent to the Province of New Brunswick.	Beginning on July 7, 2018 to August 12, 2018 and Beginning on October 3, 2018 to January 31, 2019	Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.
The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of New Brunswick.	Beginning on April 11, 2018 to July 6, 2018 and Beginning on August 13, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and from sunset each day until sunrise on the following day.	Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

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<p>The waters of Division 4T within 50 meters of the coastline of the Province of Nova Scotia adjacent to the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait between the border of New Brunswick/Nova Scotia and the wharf at Auld's Cove Guysborough County and between the old wharf at Creignish, Inverness County to Cape North, Victoria County.</p>	<p>Beginning on July 30, 2018 to September 3, 2018</p> <p>and</p> <p>Beginning on October 3, 2018 to January 31, 2019</p>	<p>Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.</p>
<p>The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of Nova Scotia.</p>	<p>Beginning on April 11, 2018 to July 29, 2018</p> <p>and</p> <p>Beginning on September 4, 2018 to January 31, 2019</p> <p>and</p> <p>from sunset each day until the sunrise on the following day.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.</p>

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The waters of Division 4T within 50 meters of the coastline adjacent to the Province of Prince Edward Island.	Beginning on July 30, 2018 to September 3, 2018 and Beginning on October 3, 2018 to January 31, 2019	Daily bag limit of five (5) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.
The waters of Division 4T adjacent to the Province of Prince Edward Island.	Beginning on April 11, 2018 to July 29, 2018 and Beginning on September 4, 2018 to January 31, 2019 and from sunset each day until the sunrise on the following day.	Daily bag limit of fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

Note: When the geographic boundary of an area is expressed in Latitude and Longitude those point references are based on the **geodesic system North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)**. Positions are expressed in degrees, minutes, seconds.

NOTICE

The Regional Director General for the Gulf Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, hereby gives notice of the changes varying the seasons and quotas for recreational fishing for groundfish in the following waters of Division 4T.

Please find below, the following changes to the Groundfish recreational fishing seasons and quota in the waters of Division 4T:

The waters from the mouth of the **Saguenay Fjord** lying upstream of a line joining Pointe Noire, Baie-Sainte-Catherine (48°07'24"N, 69°43'00"W) to Pointe Rouge, Tadoussac (48°08'06"N, 69°42'06"W):

- **Open season:** From April 14 to September 30, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain five (5) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the St. Lawrence River **within 50 meters** of the coastline between **Baie-Saint-Paul and Tadoussac** in the Province of Québec:

- **Open seasons:** From April 14 to July 6 and from August 13 to September 30, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the St. Lawrence River between **Baie-Saint-Paul and Tadoussac** in the Province of Québec:

- **Open season:** From July 7 to August 12, 2018, every day from sunrise to sunset.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the St. Lawrence River **within 50 meters** of the coastline between **Tadoussac and Pointe-des-Monts** in the Province of Québec:

- **Open seasons:** From April 14 to July 6, from August 6 to September 14, and from September 24 to September 30, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the St. Lawrence River between **Tadoussac and Pointe-des-Monts** in the Province of Québec:

- **Open seasons:** From July 7 to August 5 and from September 15 to September 23, 2018, every day from sunrise to sunset.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the St. Lawrence River and the Bay of Chaleurs **within 50 meters** of the coastline adjacent to **the lower St. Lawrence River and Gaspésie Peninsula** in the Province of Québec:

- **Open seasons:** From April 14 to July 6 and from August 13 to September 30, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.

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The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence **within 50 meters** of the coastline of the **Magdalen Islands** (Division 4T2a):

- **Open seasons:** From April 14 to July 20 and from August 27 to September 30, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence adjacent to the **Magdalen Islands** (division 4T2a):

- **Open season:** From July 21 to August 26, 2018, every day from sunrise to sunset.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait **within 50 meters** of the coastline adjacent to the **Province of New Brunswick:**

- **Open seasons:** From April 15 to July 6 and from August 13 to October 2, 2018.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, except zero (0) cod, white hake, haddock, pollock, skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait adjacent to the **Province of New-Brunswick:**

- **Open season:** From July 7 to August 12, 2018, every day from sunrise to sunset.
- **Daily Bag Limit:** Each person engaged in recreational fishing can, in any day, catch and retain fifteen (15) groundfish of all species in the aggregate, including a combination of five (5) cod and/or white hake, except zero (0) retention of skate, halibut, northern wolffish, Atlantic wolffish, and spotted wolffish.

The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait **within 50 meters** of the coastline of the Province of Nova Scotia adjacent to the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait between the border of New Brunswick/Nova Scotia and the wharf at Auld's Cove (Guysborough County) and between the old wharf at Creignish (Inverness County) to Cape North (Victoria County):

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The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait adjacent to the **Province of Nova Scotia:**

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The waters of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait **within 50 meters** of the coastline adjacent to the **Province of Prince Edward Island:**

- **Open season:** From April 15 to July 29 and from September 4 to October 2, 2018.
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Anglers are reminded that the following Groundfish recreational fishing seasons are closed beginning on April 11, 2018 to January 31, 2019:

- All waters of Division 4T except those waters aforementioned.
- That portion of Division 4T inside a straight line joining the following points in the order which they are listed:

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1.	47°52'00"N	64°22'00"W
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Refer to *Gulf Region Close Time Variation Order 2018-035* issued on June 13, 2018. For further information regarding this Order, please contact your local Fishery Officer. To receive an electronic copy of all future Variation Orders issued by the Gulf Region, please email Orders.glf@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and provide your email address to be placed on our Variation Orders distribution list. Notices of all active variation and prohibition orders can be viewed on the Web site of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Gulf Region, under Orders Registry, at the following address: <http://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/Orders-Registry>.

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Acting Regional Director General
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