

Bay of Fundy – Southwest Nova Scotia Herring Fishery

Mobile Gear Fleet Presentation –
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Who We Are



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How we fish

- Purse seine vessels
- Non-Bottom Contacting
- Fleet size 9 vessels → 6 vessels
- Crew of approximately 7 per vessel
- Mobile gear fleet undertakes science through the “Herring Science Council”
- Small gill net and brush weir sectors operates under this TAC as well

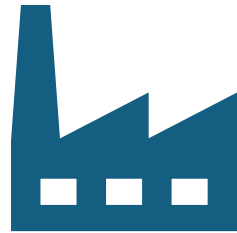


Our commitment to science

- Acoustic surveys since 1999
 - 18 acoustic surveys per year
 - Undertakes sampling to support surveys
 - In-kind contribution of \$1 million per year to DFO science
- Voluntary management measures:
 - Minimum fish size
 - Spawning area closures
 - Cap on juvenile landings
- Tagging studies



Industry in Crisis

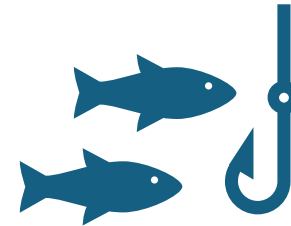


Jobs

TAC cut to 16kt (55% between 2021 and 2024)

Between 2021 and 2024, 1 in 3 workers in this herring fishery lost their job

Total wages decreased by 30% in these communities (40% decrease in real wages)



Future

\$200 million in capital assets, supply needed

Increase to 21kt TAC needed to support industry while DFO science processes are conducted

Is a TAC Increase Possible?

1. HSC survey results show a stable and growing biomass
2. DFO Science advice last year shows that a 21kt TAC is feasible
3. HSC has used DFO science to better understand stock dynamics, which are positive

Resource Summary

- LRP is ~318kt
- Based on survey average of 2005-2010
- No analytical model available when set
- MSE framework is said to be complete by DFO, but unclear if it is adopted

Location	Avg. 1999–2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Avg. 2005–2010	Avg. 1999–2023
Scots Bay (inbox)	80	123	59	187	228	98	133	129	80	165	66	182	121	38	104
Scots Bay (outbox)	4	38	8	4	21	3	9	10	53	14	6	74	57	3	14
Scots Bay total	84	161	66	191	249	101	142	140	133	179	72	256	177	40	118
German Bank (inbox)	286	219	200	188	140	163	166	95	147	103	137	77	64	273	217
German Bank (outbox)	6	7	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
German Bank total	288	226	209	190	140	163	166	95	147	103	137	77	64	278	219
German + Scots	372	387	275	381	390	264	308	235	280	283	209	333	241	318	337