

2019 Greenland Halibut IFMP Update Changes

Section	Amended Text/Summary of Changes	Justification for Change
1.3 Historical Development of the Fishery, 1.3.1 Division OB	In 2017, the Division OB TAC be increased to 7,575t for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons. Subsequent TAC increases in OB have been implemented by the Minister and can be found at the following website: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/decisions/index-eng.htm .	Recent and future decisions will be available at the link provided. This will eliminate the requirement to update this section annually.
1.3 Historical Development of the Fishery, 1.3.1 Division OB	Quota and catch information can be found at the following website: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/commercial/yrlist-eng.htm .	Quota and catch information will be available online. To ensure up-to-date information is available the link has been provided and tables removed from IFMP. This will eliminate the requirement to update this information annually.
1.3 Historical Development of the Fishery, 1.3.2 Division OA	The quota for the offshore was 6,400t from 2008-2013, increased to 7,900t in 2014, and increased to 8,575t for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons. Subsequent TAC increases in OA have been implemented by the Minister and can be found at the following website: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/decisions/index-eng.htm .	Recent and future decisions are/will be available at the link provided. This will eliminate the requirement to update this section annually.
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1.4. Participants, 1.4.1. Division OA	Allocation information is publicly available and is provided upon request. Inquiries can be sent to the following email: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca .	Allocation information is available on request. To ensure up-to-date information is available the email address has been provided and tables removed from IFMP. This will eliminate the requirement to update this information annually and also addresses potential privacy issues.
1.4. Participants, 1.4.2. Division OB	Allocation information is publicly available and is provided upon request. Inquiries can be sent to the following email: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca .	Allocation information is available on request. To ensure up-to-date information is available the email address has been provided and tables removed from IFMP. This will eliminate the requirement to update this information annually and also addresses potential privacy issues.
1.5. Fishery Characteristics	Vessel and Catch information in OA and OB updated.	Updated information of interest to participants and stakeholders.
2.4. Stock Assessment	Current stock assessment information for Greenland Halibut in NAFO Subarea 0 + Division 1A (offshore), and Divisions 1B-F can be found on the NAFO website at the following link: www.nafo.int/Science/Science-Advice/Stock-advice .	Stock Assessment appendix has been removed and the link to the NAFO Scientific Committee website provided. This will eliminate the requirement to update this information in future versions and ensure most up-to-date information is readily available.
3. Economic, Social and Cultural Importance of the Fishery	Entire section updated to reflect current information on the economic value of the fishery, included recent increases to TAC. Appendix 4 also updated.	Updated information of interest to participants and stakeholders.
4.1. Fisheries Issues, Bycatch Management	Greenland Halibut may also be caught as bycatch in other marine fisheries. In Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, the only other offshore commercial marine fishery is the Northern and Striped Shrimp bottom otter trawl fishery. In Division OA (i.e. Shrimp management unit 1), total weight of Greenland Halibut incidentally caught has averaged 5.73mt/year from 2005-2014 with 95% of the catch between 5-38 cm based on At-sea Observer data with 100% coverage (Siferd 2010, Walkusz pers. com.). In Division OB (i.e. the Davis Strait management units), total weight of Greenland Halibut incidentally caught has averaged 7.05 mt/year from 2005-2014 with 95% of the catch between 5-44 cm based on At-sea Observer data with 100% coverage (Siferd 2010, W. Walkusz pers. com.).	Moved from Section 2.4. Stock Assessment. More appropriate to be in this section.

4.2. Depleted Species Concerns	White Sharks (Northwest Atlantic population) have been listed as Endangered under SARA. Although Atlantic Canadian waters comprise a portion of a larger geographic area with high White Shark density in summer months, there have been no recorded observations of White Shark in Arctic or Sub-Arctic waters.	Information added to ensure completeness. Table also reorganized to be clearer to reader. No changes to information.
4.3.2 Canada's Marine and Coastal Areas Conservation Mandate	<p>In October 2017, the Government of Canada announced it had reached its first milestone of protecting 5% of Canada's marine and coastal areas. The federal government remains committed to protecting 10% by 2020. The 2020 target is both a domestic target (Canada's Biodiversity Target 1) and an international target as reflected in the Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi Target 11 and the United Nations General Assembly's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under Goal 14. The 2017 and 2020 targets are collectively referred to as Canada's marine conservation targets. More information on the background and drivers for Canada's marine conservation targets is available at http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/conservation/index-eng.html.</p> <p>To meet this target, Canada is establishing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and "other effective area-based conservation measures" ("Other Measures"), in consultation with industry, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties. An overview of these tools, including a description of the role of fisheries management measures that qualify as Other Measures is available http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/mpa-zpm-aoi-si-eng.html. Within NAFO Subarea 0 the Hatton Basin, Davis Strait, and Disko Fan Conservation Areas are closed to bottom contact fishing under the Fisheries Act. These Areas contribute to Canada's marine conservation targets. Overviews of these Conservation Areas and their conservation objectives are available http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/oeabcm-amcepz/refuges/index-eng.html</p>	New section added to reflect GoC Marine Conservation Mandate and establishment of the Hatton Basin, Davis Strait and Disko Fan Conservation Areas.
4.4.6. Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear	Abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG, or "ghost gear") is a form of marine pollution that can be fatal to fish, marine mammals and other marine life, poses a navigation hazard, and also breaks down into other forms of pollution such as microplastics. As part of our G7 Presidency, Canada championed the Charlevoix Blueprint for Healthy Oceans, Seas, and Resilient Coastal Communities, which includes a commitment to strengthen our domestic and international activities to address marine litter. As of 2019 mandatory reporting requirements for lost gear, as well as reporting the retrieval of gear previously reported lost, has been implemented in commercial fisheries to accurately quantify ALDFG in Canada and allow for the development of priority areas for retrieval projects. By becoming a leader in addressing ALDFG, Canada is strengthening its commitment to improve the health of marine ecosystems, protect marine animals from harm, and safeguard human health and livelihoods.	New section added to reflect GoC international commitments to address marine pollution.
5. Objectives	Table 2 updated to clarify wording and also remove objectives that have been met.	Ensure objectives are clear and up-to-date.
6. Access and Allocation	See IFMP	Section updated to clarify the access & allocation process in the fishery. Some information removed since it is included in detail in Appendix 1. (below)
8. Shared Stewardship Arrangements	TC safety-at-sea considerations and measures are available through TC Marine Transportation website at http://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/marine.html .	To ensure up-to-date information is available to fishery participants, the appendix referencing this information has been removed and this link provided. This will eliminate the requirement to update this information in future versions.
Appendix 1: Key Provisions of the NA and the NILCA	See IFMP	Appendix has been updated to include key provisions from both the NA and the NILCA.
Appendix 6: ToR for EAGSAC		Updated ToR approved by EAGSAC in 2019.