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MarineFisheries Advisory

ATLANTIC HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 2 CLOSURE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2013

Consistent with federal and interstate action and 322 CMR 9.00, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) is closing the directed Management Area 2 Atlantic herring fishery. This closure is effective at 0100 hours on April 7, 2013.

From April 7, 2013 through December 31, 2013, vessels may continue to retain and land an incidental catch of Atlantic herring from Management Area 2, provided it does not exceed 2,000 lbs per day or trip, whichever is longer. This action does not affect the catch, retention and landing of sea herring caught from other management areas; vessels transiting Area 2 with more than 2,000 lbs of Atlantic herring caught from other open areas must have all seine and mid-water trawl gear stowed.

For further information please visit our website at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.