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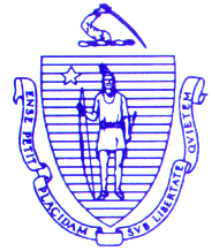
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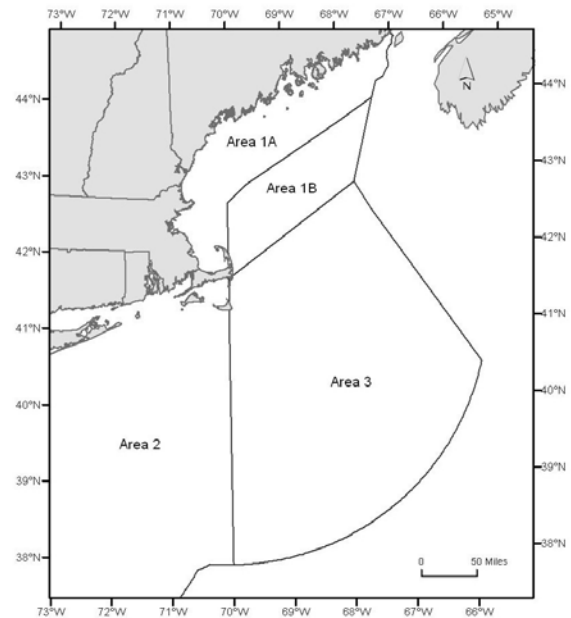
Marine Fisheries Advisory

Herring Area 1A Days Out Measures and Declaration to Fish June – September 2019

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Section ("Section") met on April 3, 2019 to adopt days-out and landing limit measures for the June-September Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A ([ASMFC Notice](#)).

The Section agreed to prohibit fishing for sea herring within Area 1A from through July 14. When the fishery opens on July 15, vessels will be authorized to fish for, retain and land herring from Mondays through Thursdays. Federal "Category A" permit holders may land up to 160,000 pounds per week (4 trucks). Federal "Category C" and "Category D" permit holders, as well as state-only permit holders, will be subject to the 2,000 pound exempted sea herring limit.

To participate in this fishery, permit holders are required to obtain a Letter of Authorization from the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). Federal permit holders may accomplish this by completing the [embedded form](#) and returning it to DMF via e-mail (catherine.o'keefe@mass.gov); post (Division of Marine Fisheries, c/o Cate O'Keefe, 836 S. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744); or by fax (508-990-0449 attn: Cate O'Keefe). **Federal "Category A" permit holders must return the form to DMF by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2019. Federal "Category C" and "Category D" permit holders must submit it by 12:00 PM (noon) on May 31, 2019.** State-only permit holders will be contacted separately by the Division of Marine Fisheries with instructions regarding how they are to declare into the fishery.



The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission will review the initial days-out measures approved by the ASMFC's Sea Herring Section at their May 9, 2019 meeting. Following this, the Director will publish a declaration and issue Letters of Authorization to adopt and implement these measures. The Section is scheduled to meet again in early August. The purpose of the meeting is to review landings data and determine if adjustments to fishing limits are necessary to optimize quota availability.

For more information, please contact Cate O'Keefe by phone (508-742-9744) or by e-mail (catherine.o'keefe@mass.gov).