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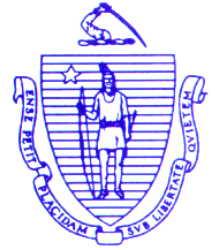
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Declaration to Participate in the Directed Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Area 1A

Federal Category A, C and D permit holders seeking to participate in the 2020 directed commercial Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A must obtain a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). To obtain this LOA, please complete the [embedded form](#) and return it to DMF via e-mail (jared.silva@mass.gov) prior to 5:00PM on Friday, May 15, 2020.

State-only permit holders do not need to submit a form to DMF nor obtain a Letter of Authorization from DMF. Instead, these permit holders may fish in under the 2,000 pound incidental catch and small scale fishery trip limit.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Sea Herring Management Board is scheduled to meet on May 12, 2020 at 10AM. At this time, the Board will discuss the management measures for the start of the 2020 directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A. Potential measures include season start date, the number of consecutive landing days per week, weekly landing limits, and restrictions on at-sea transfers. The meeting will be held by webinar and conference call. The details of which are provided below:

Webinar link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6623839982257804812>

Phone: 1-888-585-9008 followed by the Conference Room: 853-657-937

For more information regarding the management of Atlantic sea herring in Massachusetts, please visit www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

