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2015 Days-Out Schedule for Trimester 2 (June 1 – September 30) Management Area 1A Atlantic Sea Herring Directed Fishery

On June 4, 2015 the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission approved the recommendation by the Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries for the 2015 Trimester 2 Days-Out schedule for Atlantic Sea Herring Management Area 1A. This schedule was developed based on the specification made by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Section (Section), consisting of ASMFC Commissioners from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

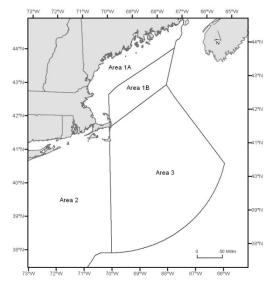
Pursuant to the authority at G.L. c. 30A §§ 2 and 3, G.L. 130 §§ 17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(7) and 9.05, the Acting Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries hereby <u>declares</u> the following days out schedule:

• June 1, 2015 – July 5, 2015

During this period, vessels in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A Monday through Friday. The directed fishery will take days out on Saturdays and Sundays. On any day out, a vessel may land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.

• <u>July 6, 2015 – September 30, 2015</u>

During this period, or until further notice, vessels in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A seven days per week; there will be no days out.



The Section will review fishing effort and landings data on June 29, 2015 to determine if adjustments to the days-out schedule are necessary to ensure the available quota remains available throughout Trimester 2.

For further information regarding Atlantic sea herring management please visit the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission website (www.asmfc.org) or our website at (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries). You may reach the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.