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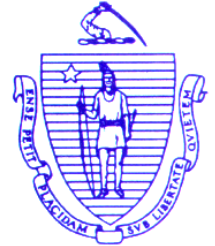
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Herring Area 1A Fishery Opens July 15, 2019

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Section adopted days-out and landing limit measures for the July 15 through September 30, 2019 Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A.

Beginning on July 15, 2019, vessels that have declared into the fishery and have been issued a Statement of Permit Conditions from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries are subject to the following approved measures:

- Federal Category A permits may fish for, possess and land sea herring from Management Area 1A beginning at 0001 hours on Monday and continuing until 2359 hours on Thursday. From Friday at 0001 hours through Sunday at 2359 hours, fishing for, possessing or landing of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A is unlawful. Category A permitted vessels may land up to 160,000 pounds (4 trucks) of sea herring per week. A week is defined as Sunday – Saturday.
- Federal Category C and D permits and MA state-only permits may fish for, possess and land sea herring from Management Area 1A beginning at 0001 hours on Monday and continuing until 2359 hours on Friday. From Saturday at 0001 hours through Sunday at 2359 hours, fishing for, possessing or landing of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A is unlawful. Category C permitted vessels may land up to 55,000 pounds of sea herring per day; Category D permitted vessels may land up to 6,600 pounds of sea herring per day; and MA state-only permit holders may land up to 2,000 pounds of sea herring per day.
- The use of carrier vessels is prohibited. A harvester vessel can transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel. A harvester vessel may not make an at-sea transfer to a carrier vessel, and carrier vessels may not receive at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel. A carrier is a vessel with no gear on board capable of catching or processing fish. A harvester is a vessel that is required to report the catch it has aboard as the harvesting vessel on the Federal Vessel Trip Report.

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