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### **Statement of Permit Conditions**

You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and have declared into the Trimester 2 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery. As a “Category A” federal permit holder, this letter establishes the fishing limits for the Trimester 2 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery, as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s (ASMFC) Sea Herring Section. This letter does not exempt you from any existing laws or regulations governing the Atlantic sea herring fishery (e.g., Purse Seine/Fixed Gear Only Area).

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the **Statement of Conditions** enumerated below shall apply to the 2018 commercial fishing permit.

1. **Closed Days**. Beginning on July 23, 2018, it shall be unlawful to fish for Atlantic sea herring within Management Area 1A and possess and land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A from 0001 hours on Saturday through 2359 hours on Sunday.
2. **Open Days**. Beginning on July 23, 2018, it shall be lawful to fish for Atlantic sea herring within Management Area 1A and possess and land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A from 0001 hours on Monday through 2359 hours on Friday.
3. **Weekly Landing Limit**: Beginning on July 23, 2018, it shall be unlawful to possess or land more than 640,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A per calendar week. A calendar week begins at 0001 hours on Sunday and continues through 2359 hours the following Saturday. This weekly limit shall be enforced through VMS daily catch reports, dealer records, and vessel trip reports.
4. **Carrier Vessel Limits**: Beginning on July 23, 2018, it shall be unlawful to transfer catch of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A to more than one carrier vessel. Carrier vessels are prohibited from landing more than 160,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A per calendar week. Calendar week begins at 0001 hours on Sunday and continues through 2359 hours the following Saturday. The carrier limit of 160,000 pounds is not in addition to the harvester limit of 640,000 pounds. This weekly limit shall be enforced through VMS daily catch reports, dealer records, and vessel trip reports. A carrier vessel is a vessel with no gear on board capable of catching or processing fish. A harvester vessel is a vessel that is required to report the catch it has aboard as the harvesting vessel on the Federal Vessel Trip Report.
5. **Restrictions on Transfer of Catch At Sea**: Beginning on June 1, 2018, it shall be lawful to transfer catch of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A to another vessel involved in the catching of Atlantic sea herring within Management Area 1A.

The ASMFC’s Atlantic Sea Herring Section is scheduled to meet each month to review landings data and reevaluate the fishing limits for the Trimester 2 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery. Accordingly, DMF

expects subsequent Letters of Authorizations and Statements of Conditions to be sent throughout the Trimester; each subsequent document will replace the prior.

**Violation(s) of any condition or restriction as contained herein or any provision of 322 CMR 9.00 may result in the suspension or revocation of the commercial fishing permit and any other fines and penalties as provided in G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Pierce".

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David E. Pierce, Ph.D, Director

July 23, 2018

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