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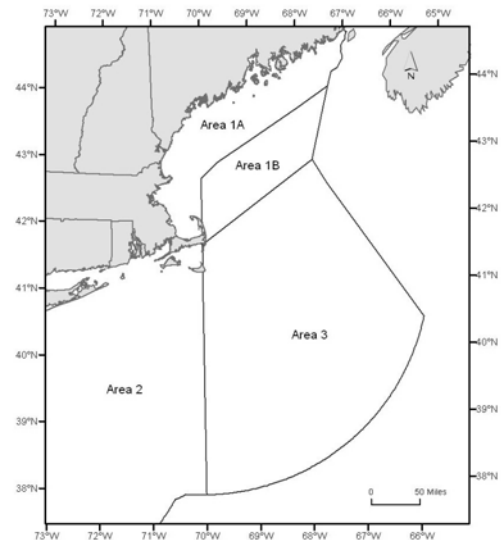
Trimester 2 Days-Out Schedule for Management Area 1A Atlantic Sea Herring Directed Fishery

On July 20, 2016 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Section (Section) -consisting of ASMFC Commissioners from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts – held a conference call to discuss days out measures for Management Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine). The call was initiated to discuss higher than anticipated landings and fishing effort in the area resulting in 41.3% of the Trimester 2 (June 1 – September 30) quota (19,480 mt) being taken.

As a result of this call the Section, with input from industry, modified the days out effort control measures for Management Area 1A. The new days out controls go into effect on July 27 and are described in the bullets below.

- July 27 – September 30

During this period, vessels in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A two days per week (Mondays and Tuesdays). Landing sea herring in Massachusetts will be unlawful from Wednesday through Sunday (“days-out”). Except that a vessel may land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A on any day-out, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.



The Section will continue to monitor Atlantic sea herring fishing effort and landing data from Management Area 1A and determine if the days out schedule needs to be adjusted to ensure quota remains available throughout Trimester 2.

For more information on the management of sea herring in Massachusetts, please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.