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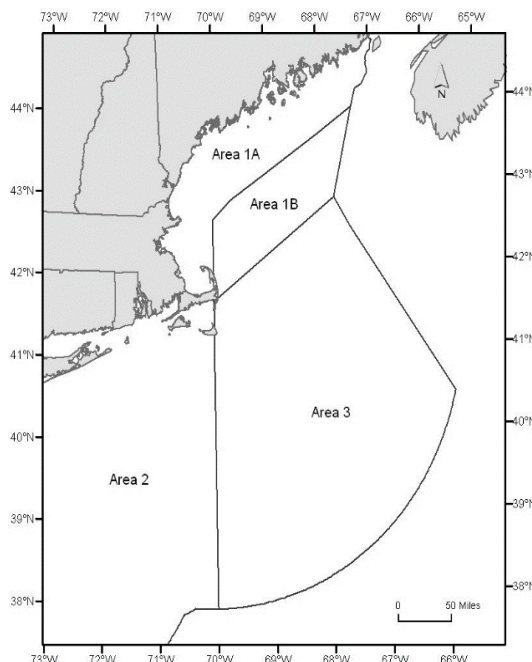
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MarineFisheries Advisory

2025 Season 1 Commercial Atlantic Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A to Close

The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is projected to have harvested 92% of its 2025 Season 1 (June 1 – September 30) quota allocation ([Closure Notice](#)). Accordingly, the directed fishery in Management Area 1A will close effective 1801 hours tonight, Tuesday, August 5, 2025. At this time, all authorizations allowing directed fishing on Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1A during Season 1 will be null and void and the possession, retention, landing, and sale of Atlantic sea herring taken from Area 1A will be prohibited unless explicitly authorized.

Please note that under the incidental catch and small-scale fishery allowance, vessels may retain and land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A during any trip or calendar day, whichever period of time is longer. Vessels may transit Management Area 1A in possession of Atlantic sea herring, provided the herring were lawfully caught outside of the area and all gear is stowed.



During this closure, dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring are prohibited from receiving and purchasing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A. However, they may offload vessels that lawfully retained up to 2,000 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A taken under the incidental catch and small-scale fishery allowance.

This closure is expected to remain in effect through September 30, 2025. However, if NOAA Fisheries implements the anticipated revised 2025 quota, which would increase the available quota for Area 1A, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will consider re-opening the Season 1 fishery and/or possible rollover to the Season 2 fishery (October 1 – December 31). Further information about the upcoming Season 2 fishery is forthcoming.

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