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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2018 ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A PERIOD 2 CLOSURE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2019

The Management Area 1A Period 2 (June 1 – August 31) quota allocation of Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02, is projected to be fully taken as of Saturday, August 17, 2019. Accordingly, pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130 §§17A, 21 and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.03(3), the Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is closed effective 0001 hours on Sunday, August 18, 2019. The directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will remain closed through September 3, 2019, when the Period 3 fishery is scheduled to open.

In accordance with 322 CMR § 9.05(3), vessels that have declared into the Management Area 1A fishery and hold a Letter of Authorization issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries may continue to take and land a 2,000 lb bycatch of sea herring from a closed management area during a quota closure. Accordingly, vessels are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A as incidental catch in other fisheries. This limit applies per calendar day or per fishing trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Also, vessels may transit Management Area 1A during this closure in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring, provided that the fish was lawfully caught and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

This closure also applies to dealers authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(3) and 7.07(3), to purchase Atlantic sea herring directly from commercial fishermen. In accordance with 322 CMR §§ 7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b) and 9.05 these dealers are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring per vessel during any calendar day from a fishing trip that occurred within Management Area 1A, except as otherwise authorized.

Dated: August 15, 2019

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