



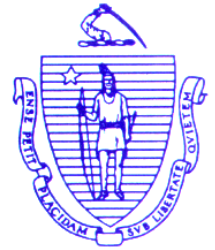
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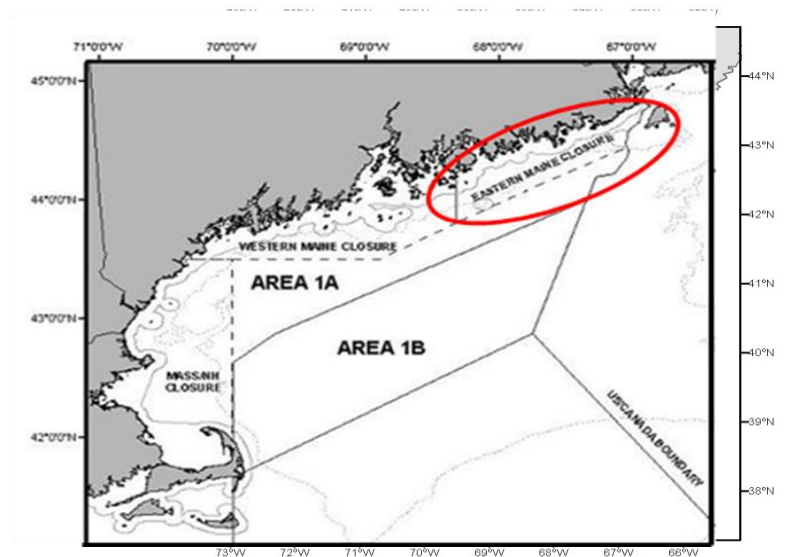
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Eastern Maine Herring Spawning Closure

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission announced ([notice](#)) that the Eastern Maine herring spawning area will be closed to herring fishing starting at 12:00am on August 28th through 11:59pm on September 24th. Vessels in the directed herring fishery cannot take, land or possess Atlantic herring from the Eastern Maine spawning area during the closure and must have all fishing gear stowed when transiting the area.

The implementation of this spawning closure will not affect the days out schedule and landing limits for the Area 1A directed fishery. These limits have not changed since July. Landing days will still occur five landing days per week (12:00am Monday through 11:59am Friday). The weekly landing limit remains at 640,000 pounds (16 trucks) per harvester vessel, of which 160,000 pounds (4 trucks) can be transferred to a carrier vessel.



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