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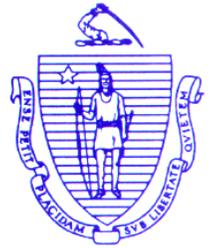
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### **FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE**

#### **2015 SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015**

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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 9.05, the Management Area 1A Atlantic sea herring fishery is closed effective 2359 hours on Friday August 28, 2015. The fishery will remain closed until further notice. The Management Area 1A Trimester II quota for Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02, is projected to be taken on this closure date.

During this closure period, in accordance with 322 CMR § 9.05(3), vessels may lawfully possess or land up to 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 period is longer. Also, vessels may transit Management Area 1A during the closure in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring provided the fish was lawfully caught and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

For dealers acting as primary buyers, during this closure period, in accordance with 322 CMR §§ 7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b) and 9.05, it is unlawful for any dealer, authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(3) and 7.07(3), to purchase or receive more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring per vessel taken during any calendar day or fishing trip within Management Area 1A.

Dated: August 27, 2015

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