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Statement of Permit Conditions

You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Division of Marine Fisheries, but did not declare into the 2018 Trimester 2 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery or do not hold a "Category A" federal permit. The purpose of this letter is to set the possession and landing limits for sea herring while operating in that portion of Massachusetts state-waters within Management Area 1A.

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the **Statement of Conditions** enumerated below shall apply to the 2018 commercial fishing permit. This letter <u>does not</u> exempt you from any existing laws or regulations governing the Atlantic sea herring fishery.

- 1. <u>Daily Limits</u>: It shall be unlawful to retain, possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring while within those waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth inside Management Area 1A... This limit shall apply per calendar day or per trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Management Area 1A is defined at 322 CMR 9.02.
- 2. <u>Exemption to Daily Limit Applicable to Federal Permit Holders</u>: The permit holder may be exempt from the daily limit implemented above, if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The vessel holds a valid permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service to fish commercially in federal waters for sea herring;
 - b. The vessel is fishing in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations; and
 - c. The vessel is transiting directly through the waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth for the purpose of landing fish and all gear is out of the water and properly stowed.
- 3. <u>Open Fishing Days</u>: The permit holder may fish for, retain, possess or land sea herring in state-waters seven days per week.

Violation(s) of any condition or restriction as contained herein or any provision of 322 CMR 9.00 may result in the suspension or revocation of the commercial fishing permit and any other fines and penalties as provided in G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.

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