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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2018 ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A TRIMESTER II CLOSURE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Management Area 1A Trimester II quota for Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02, was fully taken as of Wednesday, September 12, 2018. 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 Thursday, September 13, 2018. The directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will remain closed through September 30, 2018, when the Trimester III fishery is scheduled to open.

In accordance with 322 CMR § 9.05(3), vessels 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 closures 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.

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