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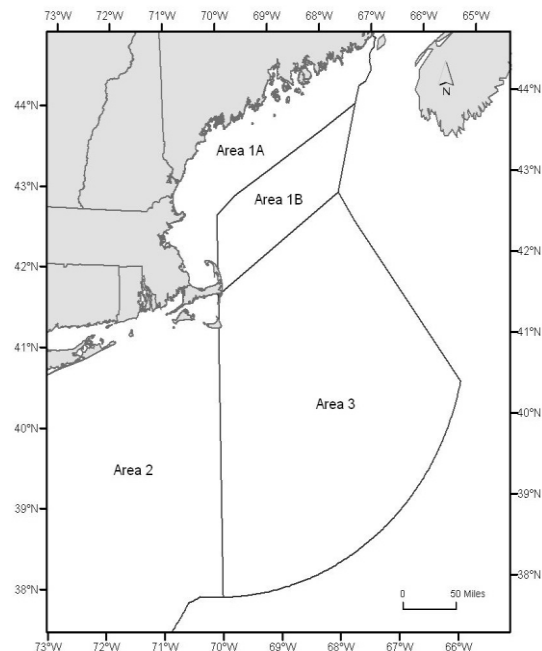
Marine Fisheries Advisory

2016 MANAGEMENT AREA 1A ATLANTIC SEA HERRING CLOSURE FOR TRIMESTER II

The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is projected to have landed 92% of its Trimester II (June - September) quota allocation. Accordingly, effective Thursday, September 15, 2016, the directed Management Area 1A Atlantic sea herring fishery is closed through September 30, 2016 ([Closure Notice](#)).

During this closed period, the catch, landing and sale of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A is prohibited, with the following exceptions:

- Commercial fishing vessels may continue to land an incidental catch of Atlantic sea herring of up to 2,000 pounds. This 2,000 pound incidental limit applies per calendar day or per trip, whichever is longer. For the purpose of this closure, landing means to transfer sea herring from any vessel onto any land, dock, pier, wharf or other artificial structure.
- Vessels may transit Management Area 1A in possession of Atlantic sea herring, provided the herring were lawful caught outside the area and all gear is stowed.
- Dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A by any vessel during any trip or calendar day.



For more information regarding the management of Atlantic sea herring in Massachusetts please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.