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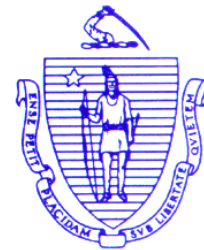
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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

## Atlantic Herring Spawning Closure: September 21 – October 18

Based on recent *Marine Fisheries*' commercial fishery sampling, the default sea herring spawning closure will take effect as scheduled. Effective 00:01 hours on Friday, September 21, it shall be unlawful to possess or land sea herring caught from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area (322 CMR 9.00). This closure will last 28 days, through 24:00 hours on Thursday, October 18, unless otherwise notified. The Director may extend the closure beyond October 18 if *Marine Fisheries*' sampling indicates that spawning is ongoing.

Spawning area boundaries begin at the intersection of 43°30' N latitude and the Maine coast, then in a SW direction along the coast to the intersection of 70°00' W longitude with the Cape Cod shoreline, then north along 70°00' W to its intersection with 43°30' N latitude, then along the 43°30' N line back to the coast.

Vessels participating in other fisheries may retain an incidental catch of herring that does not exceed more than 2,000 lbs of herring per trip.

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