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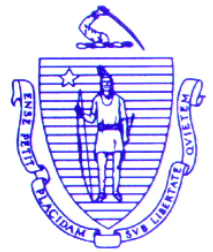
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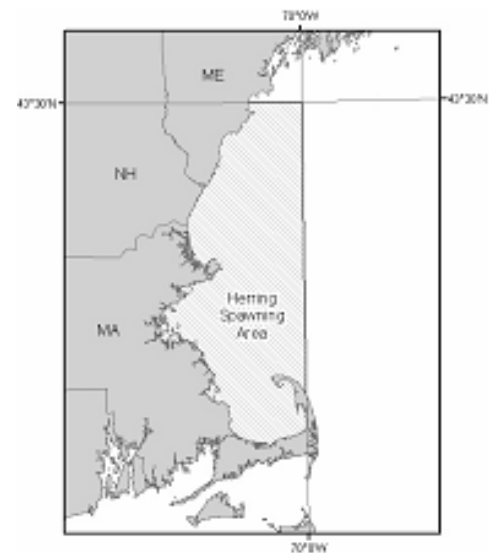
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

ATLANTIC SEA HERRING SPAWNING CLOSURE

Spawning Area Closure. Recent commercial sea herring sampling - conducted cooperatively by the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire - has indicated that the default Massachusetts/New Hampshire Atlantic Sea Herring Spawning Area will take effect as scheduled ([Closure Notice](#)). Beginning at 0001 hours on Sunday, September 21, 2014 and continuing through 2400 hours on Saturday, October 18, 2014, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fishing vessel to possess or land in excess of 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from the spawning closure area. The Director may extend this closure beyond October 19, 2014 if commercial sea herring sampling indicates that sea herring landings consist of more than 25% spawning herring.



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.