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### **SPAWNING AREA CLOSURE**

#### **COMMERCIAL ATLANTIC SEA HERRING**

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Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(3), 7.01(7) and 9.03(2) the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries is enacting the default Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area Closure for Atlantic sea herring. Therefore, in accordance with 322 CMR § 9.03(2) and (3), effective 0001 hours on Sunday, September 21, 2014 through 2400 on Saturday, October 18, 2014, it is unlawful for any commercial fisherman to possess or land more than 2,000 pounds a sea herring taken from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Closure. The Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Closure, as defined at 322 CMR § 9.01(9), consists of all waters beginning 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.

Dated: September 17, 2014

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