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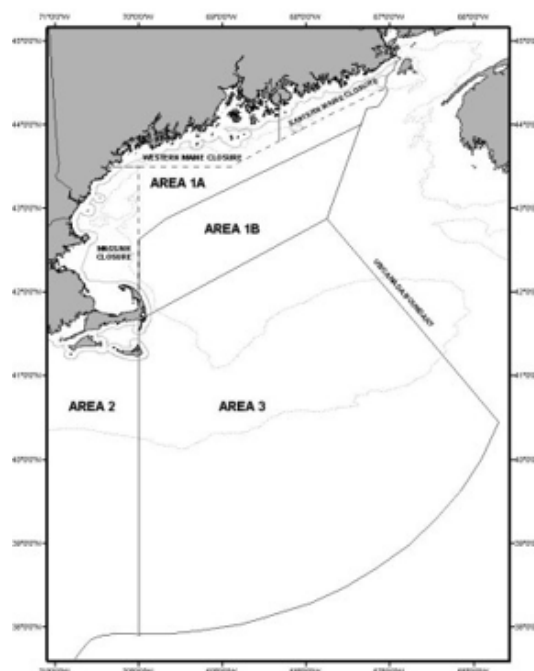
### Marine Fisheries Advisory

## Season 2 Effort Controls for the 2024 Atlantic Sea Herring Management Area 1A Fishery

Members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Sea Herring Management Board from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts met virtually on September 19, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to review the utilization of the 2024 Atlantic sea herring sub-ACL (or quota) for Management Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) and set effort control measures for the remainder of the Season 2 fishery (October 1 – December 31). The Season 2 sub-ACL is approximately 1,295 metric tons (mt) but does not account for the possible reallocation of 1,000 mt to the Area 1A sub-ACL based on catch information from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery.

The effort control measures for Season 2 are as follows below and have been adopted as a condition of all commercial sea herring permits ([Statement of Permit Conditions](#)).

- Landing days for the directed fishery will be set at zero (0) from October 1 throughout October 9.
- The fishery will move to two (2) landing days from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 10 to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024, with landings subject to applicable federal trip limits.
- The fishery will move back to zero (0) landing days from October 12 through November 4, 2024.
- The fishery will move to four (4) consecutive landing days per week starting at 12:01 a.m. on November 5, 2024, until 92% of the Area 1 sub-ACL is caught. Landing days are Tuesdays from 12:01 a.m. through Fridays at 11:59 p.m. weekly, with landings subject to applicable federal trip limits. This shall only occur if there is remaining Season 2 quota at that time. Quota availability will depend on how much is landed from October 10-11 and if the 1,000 mt reallocation from the Canadian weir fishery to the Area 1A sub-ACL occurs.
- During any period when landing days are set at zero (0) or during any applicable spawning closure, vessels may retain Atlantic sea herring caught within Management Area 1A under the Incidental and Small-Scale fishery limit which prohibits them from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring.



For more information regarding the management of sea herring in Massachusetts, please visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).