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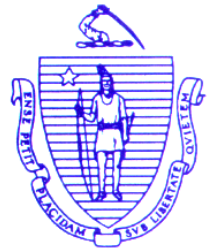
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Statement of Permit Conditions:

Massachusetts/New Hampshire Sea Herring Spawning Area Closure

This **Statement of Permit Conditions** shall apply to all Massachusetts commercial fisherman permit holders with a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement. Sea herring sampling from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire (MA/NH) Sea Herring Spawning Closure Area indicates that herring from this area are in the later stages of maturity just prior to spawning. Accordingly, in accordance with 322 CMR 9.00, the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Sea Herring Spawning is closed effective October 1, 2017.

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that during the period of 0001 hours on October 1, 2017 through 2359 hours on October 28, 2017 the **Statement of Permit Conditions** enumerated below shall apply to the 2017 commercial fishing permit:

1. It shall be unlawful to fish for, possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring caught within the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area. This shall apply per calendar day or per trip, whichever period of time is longer.
2. It shall be unlawful to possess more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring within the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area unless the herring were caught outside of the closure area, fishing activity is not occurring, all gear is stowed and the vessel is in transit.
3. The Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area shall include all waters encompassed by an imaginary line bounded to the north by 43° 30' north latitude; bounded to the east by 70°00' west longitude; bounded to the south by the coastline of Cape Cod; and to the west by the coastlines of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

Violation(s) of any condition or restriction as contained herein or any provision of 322 CMR 9.00 may result in the suspension or revocation of the commercial fishing permit, as well as any other fines and penalties set forth at G.L. c. 21A §10H and G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.

David E. Pierce, Ph.D, Director

October 1, 2017

Effective Date