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Statement of Permit Conditions

You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This letter establishes the fishing limits for the Trimester 3 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery, as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Sea Herring Section. This does not exempt you from any ongoing spawning closures, including the MA/NH Sea Herring Spawning Closure.

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 the **Statement of Conditions** enumerated below shall apply to all 2018 commercial fishing permits with regulated fishery permit endorsements for Sea Herring or Coastal Access Permit Sea Herring.

1. **Days-Out:** During Trimester 3 (October 1 – December 31) vessels fishing in the Management Area 1A directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts beginning at 0001 hours on Mondays through 2359 hours on Fridays. Landing sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts beginning at 0001 hours on Saturdays through 2359 hours on Sundays is prohibited (days-out).
2. **Quota Closure:** Once 92% of the Trimester 3 quota allocation for Management Area 1A is projected to be landed, the commercial sea herring fishery in this area will be closed and the vessel will be prohibited from taking or landing sea herring taken from Management Area 1A.
3. **Incidental Catch Exception:** The vessel land up to 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A during any day-out or once the fishery is closed, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.

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 and any other fines and penalties as provided in G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.

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Effective Date