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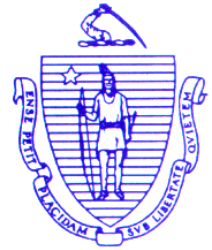
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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

#### Trimester 3 (October 1 – December 31) Days-Out Schedule for the Management Area 1A Atlantic Sea Herring Directed Fishery

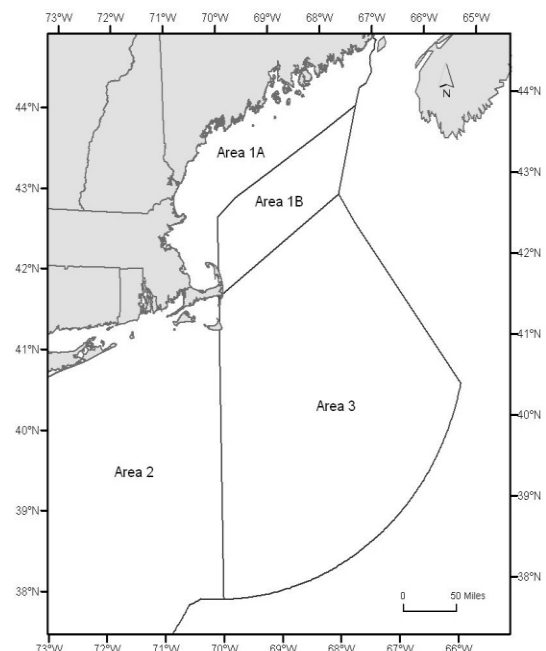
On September 25, 2015, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Section (Section) - consisting of ASMFC Commissioners from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts - approved a days-out schedule for the Trimester 3 (October 1 – December 31) Management Area 1A Atlantic sea herring fishery. On October 1, 2015, this days-out schedule was approved by the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Commission. This days-out schedule restricts only those days of the week a lawfully permitted vessel may possess or land in excess of 2,000 pounds in Massachusetts.

For the period of October 5 – December 31, the Director makes the following [Declaration](#) to establish the days-out schedule for the Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A:

- Lawfully permitted commercial fishing vessels may land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- On Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays the fishery will take days-out. On any day-out, a lawfully permitted commercial fishing vessel may possess land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts, provided the vessel lands only once per day and the weight of sea herring catch does not exceed 10% the weight of the overall catch.

This action does not affect the [Massachusetts/New Hampshire Atlantic Sea Herring Spawning Area](#). This spawning closure is scheduled to remain in effect through October 18, 2015, but the spawning closure may be extended by the Director if commercial fishery samples indicate that sea herring landings consist of more than 25% spawning sea herring. During the spawning closure, it is unlawful for any commercial fishing vessel to possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from the Spawning Area.

Landings in the Management Area 1A Atlantic sea herring fishery will be closely monitored. The fishery will close when 92% of the Trimester 3 quota allocation (6,971 metric tons) is landed.



**For more information regarding the management of sea herring please visit our website at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's website at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org).**