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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2016 TRIMESTER III ATLANTIC SEA HERRING FISHERY IN MANAGEMENT AREA 1A CLOSED EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Management Area 1A Trimester III quota allocation for Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02, is projected to be taken by Monday, October 17, 2016. Accordingly, pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 130 §3 and under the authorities at G.L. c. 130 §§17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.03(3), the directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is closed effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. The directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will remain closed until further notice.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Director, in accordance with 322 CMR 9.05(3), during this closed period vessels are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring from Management Area 1A, which was taken as incidental catch in other fisheries. This 2,000 pound limit applies per calendar day or per fishing trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Also, vessels may transit Management Area 1A during this closed period in possession of non-conforming quantities of sea herring, provided that the fish was lawfully caught and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

This closure also applies to dealers, authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 130 §80 and 322 CMR §§7.01(3) and 7.07(3) to purchase Atlantic sea herring directly from commercial fishermen. In accordance with 322 CMR §§7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b) and 9.05, these dealers are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring per vessel during any calendar day or from any fishing trip that occurred within Management Area 1A, except if otherwise authorized by the Director.

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