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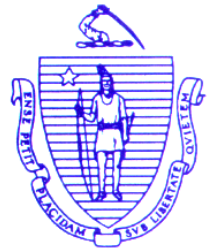
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### Statement of Permit Conditions: Eastern Maine Sea Herring Spawning Area Closure

You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Sea herring samples from the Eastern Maine Sea Herring Spawning Closure Area indicate a significant number of herring remain in spawning condition. As a result, the Eastern Maine spawning area will re-close for two additional weeks.

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 the 2017 commercial fishing permit. These permit conditions are effective immediately through 2359 hours on October 30, 2017.

1. It shall be unlawful to fish for, possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring caught within the Eastern Maine 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 Eastern Maine 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 Eastern Maine Spawning Area is bounded by the following coordinates: (1) Maine coast at 68° 20' W longitude; 43° 48' N latitude and 68° 20' W longitude; 44° 25' N latitude and 67° 03' W longitude and north along the US/Canada border.

**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.**

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Effective Date