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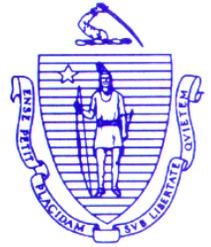
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### *Marine Fisheries Advisory*

#### **Atlantic Sea Herring Management Area 1A Closure**

The Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A has harvested their 8,142 metric ton Trimester 3 (October 1 – December 31) quota. Therefore, and consistent with recent federal actions, the Atlantic State's Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Management Plan for Atlantic Sea Herring and state regulations at 322 CMR 9.00, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is closing the Management Area 1A directed fishery effective Sunday, October 26, 2014 ([Closure Notice](#)). This closure will remain in effect through December 31, 2014.

During this October 26 through December 31, 2014 closure period, it is lawful for any vessel to fish for, catch, possess or land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A as incidental catch, per trip or per calendar day. Vessels may also transit this area in possession of more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring provided that the excess sea herring was lawfully caught outside of Management Area 1A and all fishing gear is stowed. Likewise, dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A by any vessel during any trip or any calendar day.

Both fishermen and dealers are reminded that Management Area 1A fishery is closed from January 1 through May 31, 2015. During this closure it is unlawful for any vessel to fish for, catch, possess or land any quantity of Atlantic sea herring from Management Area 1A or for any dealer to purchase or receive any quantity of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A.

Further information regarding the management of Atlantic sea herring can be found at: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) , [www.nero.noaa.gov](http://www.nero.noaa.gov), [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org)