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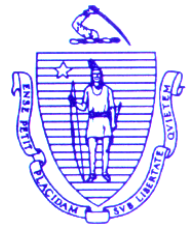
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ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.05, the quota for Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1A, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02(1) has been taken. Therefore, in accordance with 322 CMR §9.05, the Atlantic sea herring fishery within the waters of Management Area 1A is closed effective Sunday, October 26, 2014.

From 0001 hours on Sunday, October 26, 2014 through 2400 hours on Wednesday, December 31, it is unlawful for any vessel to fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring from Management Area 1A per trip or per calendar day. Then from 0001 hours on Thursday, January 1, 2015 through 2400 hours on Sunday, May 31, 2015 vessels are prohibited from fishing for, possessing or landing any Atlantic sea herring from Management Area 1A. During these periods vessels may transit Management Area 1A in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring provided that the fish was legally caught and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

Additionally, in accordance with 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it is unlawful for any dealer, authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(3) and 7.07(3) to: (1) purchase or receive more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring per vessel harvested from Management Area 1A, per trip or per calendar day, during the period of 0001 hours on October 26, 2014 through 2400 hours on December 31, 2014; or (2) purchase or receive any Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A during the period of 0001 hours on January 1, 2015 through 2400 hours on May 31, 2015.

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