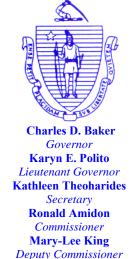


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## **Statement of Permit Conditions:**

## Days Out and Landing Days for the 2019 Period 4 Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A

The purpose of this Statement of Permit Conditions is to set the 2019 Period 4 (November 1 – December 31) effort controls for the commercial sea herring fishery within Management Area 1A, as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Sea Herring Section. You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 2019 commercial fishing permit. This letter <u>does not</u> exempt you from any existing laws or regulations governing the Atlantic sea herring fishery.

- 1. <u>Fishing Days</u>: During Period 4, the vessel may fish for and possess Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A seven days per week.
- 2. <u>Landing Days</u>: During Period 4, the vessel may land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts beginning at 0001 hours on Mondays and concluding at 2359 hours on Mondays.
- 3. <u>Days Out</u>: During Period 4 the vessel is prohibited from landing Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts beginning at 0001 hours on Tuesdays through 2359 hours on Sundays.
- 4. **Quota Closure:** Once 92% of the Period 4 quota allocation for Management Area 1A is projected to be landed, or 95% of the stock-wide quota is projected to be landed, the commercial sea herring fishery in this area will be subject to a quota closure. During the quota closure, directed fishing for Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1A is prohibited.
- 5. <u>Incidental Catch Exemption</u>: Vessels may land up to 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A on any day out of the fishery or once the fishery is closed, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.

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 and any other fines and penalties as provided in G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.

David E. Pierce, PhD

Director

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Effective Date