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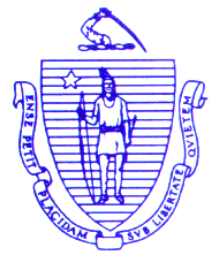
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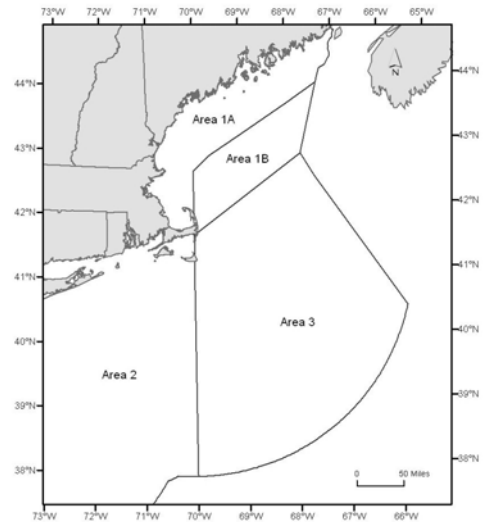
Marine Fisheries Advisory

Herring Management Area 1A Period 4 Measures

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Section adopted days-out measures for Period 4 (November 1 – December 31) Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A.

Beginning on November 4, 2019, all Massachusetts commercial fishermen with a regulated fishery permit endorsement for sea herring are subject to a [Statement of Permit Conditions](#) from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries implementing the following approved measures for Period 4:

- **Fishing Days.** Vessels participating in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may fish for and possess Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A seven days per week.
- **Landing Days.** Vessels participating in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring may land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A on Mondays.
- **Days Out.** Vessels participating in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring are prohibited from landing Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts Tuesdays through Sundays.
- **Quota Closure.** The Period 4 quota allocation for Management Area 1A will be closely monitored. 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 directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1A will be closed.
- **Incidental Catch Exemption.** 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 subject to a quota closure, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.



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