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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

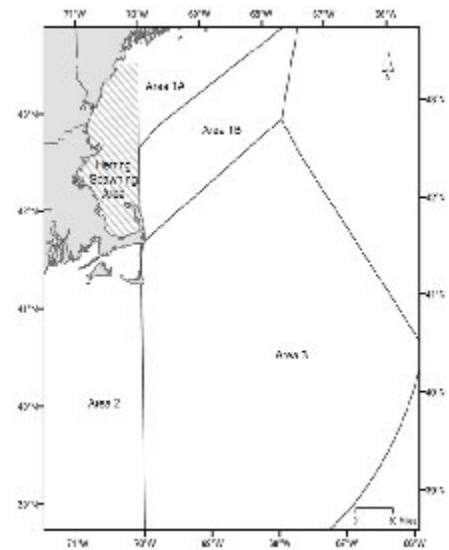
#### **DAYS OUT SCHEDULE FOR**

#### **ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A**

**OCTOBER 10 – DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, with the approval of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, has issued a [declaration](#) setting the Trimester 3 (October 1 – December 31) days-out schedule for the Management Area 1A (Area 1A) Atlantic sea herring fishery. Accordingly, from October 10 through December 31, or until further notice, vessels in the directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring in Area 1A are authorized to land Atlantic sea herring from 0001 hours on Mondays through 2359 hours on Thursdays. The Area 1A directed fishery will take days-out on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. On any day-out, a vessel may possess and land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Area 1A per trip, provided they do not land Atlantic sea herring more than once per day.

This action was taken to match the days-out specification adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Section on October 3, 2014. This specification was designed to constrain the harvest of Atlantic sea herring from Area 1A and thereby ensure that the Area 1A Trimester 3 allowable catch limit remains available through the period. The Trimester 3 allowable catch limit for Area 1A is 8,142 metric tons, which represents 27.2% of the annual catch limit sub-component for Area 1A.



For further information regarding Atlantic sea herring management please visit the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission website ([www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org)) or our website ([www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)). You may reach the Division of Marine Fisheries at 617-626-1520.