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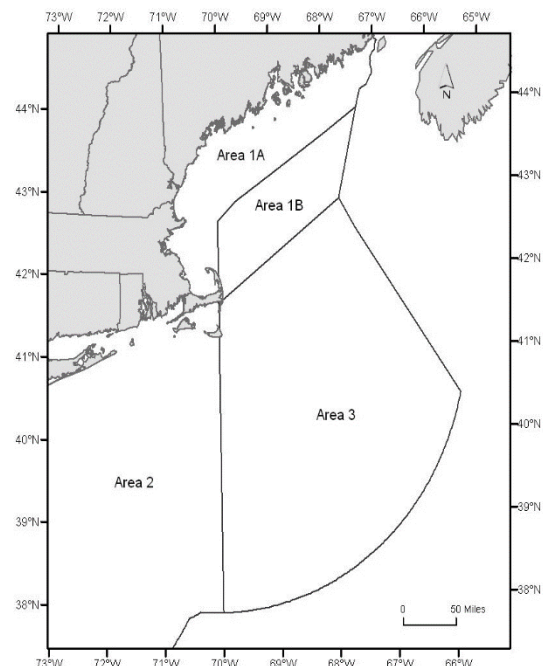
Marine Fisheries Advisory

2020 Commercial Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A to Close

The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is projected to have harvested its 2020 quota allocation as of today, November 9, 2020. Accordingly, effective at 2100 hours (9PM) tonight, the directed fishery Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area will close through end of the calendar year ([Closure Notice](#)). Unless explicitly authorized, the possession, retention, landing, and sale of Atlantic sea herring taken from Area 1A is prohibited.

This quota closure does not prohibit vessels from lawfully participating in the Research Set-Aside program, as permitted by NOAA Fisheries and authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries. Additionally, under the incidental catch and small-scale fishery allowance, vessels may retain and land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring during any trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer.

Accordingly, dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring may purchase or receive up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A by vessels fishing under this allowance. Lastly, vessels may transit Management Area 1A in possession of Atlantic sea herring, provided the herring were lawfully caught outside of the area and all gear is stowed.



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