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NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE:

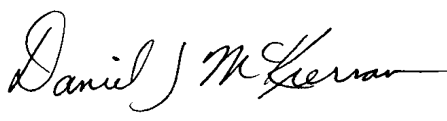
2024 COMMERCIAL ATLANTIC SEA HERRING FISHERY IN MANAGEMENT AREA 1A

The Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is projected to have harvested its 2024 Atlantic sea herring quota allocation, as established at 322 CMR §9.01. Accordingly, pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 2, 17A, 21, and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7), and 9.03(3), the directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is closed effective at 2100 hours (9PM Eastern Standard Time) on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery will remain closed through the remainder of the calendar year.

The incidental catch and small-scale fishery allowance during closed periods, as established at 322 CMR 9.05(4), allows vessels to retain, possess, and land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A during the quota closure. This allowance applies per calendar day or per trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Vessels may transit Management Area 1A during a quota closure in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring, provided all fish was lawfully caught outside of Management Area 1A and all gear is stowed in a manner that is unavailable for immediate use.

This quota closure also applies to seafood and bait dealers, authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 130, §80 and 322 CMR §§7.01(3) and 7.07(3). In accordance with 322 CMR §§7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b), and 9.05, and except as otherwise authorized, seafood and bait dealers are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring from any commercial fisher or vessel during any calendar day from a fishing trip occurring within Management Area 1A.

Dated: November 12, 2024

By: 

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