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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2016 ATLANTIC SEA HERRING FISHERY IN MANAGEMENT AREA 1B CLOSED EFFECTIVE TODAY, NOVEMBER 18

The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1B is projected to have landed its quota. Accordingly, effective today, November 18, 2016, the directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1B is closed through December 31, 2016 ([Closure Notice](#)). Permit holders are also reminded that under federal regulations, Management Area 1B is closed to the harvest of sea herring from January 1 – April 30.

During this closed period, commercial fishing vessels may continue to catch, possess and land an incidental catch of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1B not to exceed 2,000 pounds. This 2,000 pound incidental limit applies per calendar day or per trip, whichever is longer. Dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring are similarly prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1B by any vessel during any trip or calendar day.

This closure is consistent with the provisions of law set forth at G.L. c. 130 §§17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41, 7.01 and 9.00, as well as action taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service ([Federal Notice](#)).

For more information regarding the management of Atlantic sea herring in Massachusetts please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

