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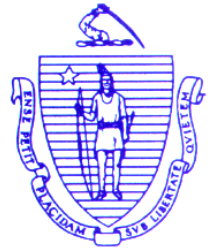
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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

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

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 130 §3 and under the authorities at G.L. c. 130 §§17A, 21 and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.05(2), the quota for Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1B, as established at 322 CMR § 9.02(1) has been taken and the directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1B is closed effective November 18, 2016 through December 31, 2016. During this closed period, permitted vessels may catch, possess or land an incidental catch of up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1B. This action affects any vessel registered under the laws of the Commonwealth.

This closure also applies to dealers, authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 130 §80 and 322 CMR §§7.01(3) and 7.07(3) to purchase Atlantic sea herring directly from commercial fishermen. In accordance with 322 CMR §§7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b) and 9.05, these dealers are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring per vessel during any calendar day or from any fishing trip that occurred within Management Area 1B, except if otherwise authorized by the Director.

Dated: November 18, 2016

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