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**Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery to Open on Monday, November 24**

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**Landing Days for the 2025 Area 1A Fishery for Season 2**

Following an increase in available quota for Area 1A, members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Management Board from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts met virtually on November 19, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to set effort control measures for the remainder of the Season 2 fishery (October 1 – December 31).

The 2025 Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (sub-ACL) is now 1,783 metric tons (mt) due to the reallocation of 1,000 mt to the Area 1A sub-ACL based on catch information from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery. After accounting for the fixed gear set-aside, 2025 landings so far from Area 1A, and the 8% buffer (Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL), **there is an estimated 632 metric tons available for harvest.**

The days out measures moving forward are as follows (see [ASMFC notice](#)):

- Landing days will continue to be set at zero (0) through Sunday, November 23.
- The fishery will move to two (2) consecutive landing days starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 24 until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL has been caught. Landing days will be Monday from 12:01 a.m. through Tuesday at 11:59 p.m., weekly.

While landing days are set at zero (0), harvesters are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A.

For more information regarding the management of sea herring in Massachusetts, please visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).