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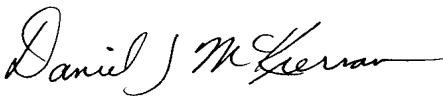
2019 ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A CLOSED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27, 2019

The Management Area 1A Period 4 (November 1 – December 31) quota allocation of Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.05, is projected to be fully taken. Accordingly, pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130 §§17A, 21 and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.05, the Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is closed effective 0001 hours on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. The directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will remain closed through December 31, 2019 and will not open until fishing year 2020 management measures are implemented.

In accordance with 322 CMR § 9.05(3), may continue to retain, land and sell a 2,000 pound incidental catch of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A during this quota closure. This limit applies per calendar day or per fishing trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Also, vessels may transit Management Area 1A during this closure in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring, provided that the fish was lawfully caught and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

This closures 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 Atlantic sea herring per vessel during any calendar day from a fishing trip that occurred within Management Area 1A, except unless otherwise authorized by the Director in writing.

Dated; November 26, 2019

By: 

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