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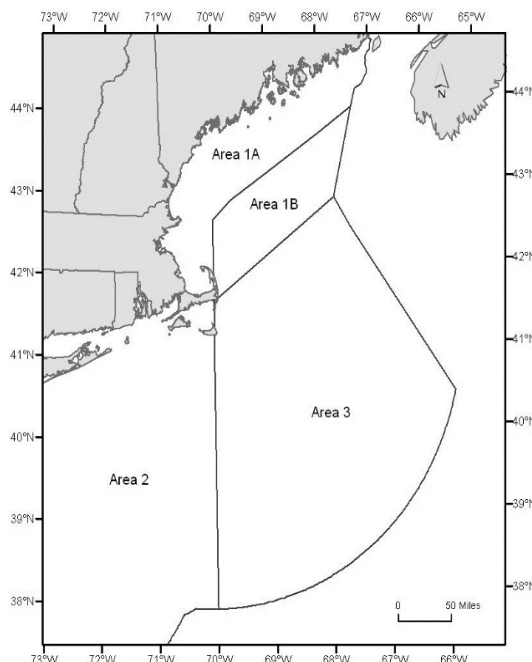
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2023 Commercial Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A to Close

The directed Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is projected to have harvested its 2023 quota allocation as of today, November 6, 2023. Accordingly, effective at 1800 hours (6PM) tonight, the directed fishery Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will close through end of the calendar year (see [Fishery Closure Notice](#)). Unless explicitly authorized, the possession, retention, landing, and sale of Atlantic sea herring taken from Area 1A is prohibited.

Under the incidental catch and small-scale fishery allowance, vessels may retain and land up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring during any trip or calendar day, whichever period is longer. Accordingly, dealers acting as primary buyers of Atlantic sea herring may purchase or receive up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring harvested from Management Area 1A by vessels fishing under this allowance. Lastly, vessels may transit Management Area 1A in possession of Atlantic sea herring, provided the herring were lawfully caught outside of the area and all gear is stowed.



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