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Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery to Open for One Day on Tuesday, December 23

Additional Landing Day for the 2025 Area 1A Fishery

Following an increase in available quota for Area 1A, members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Sea Herring Management Board from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts met virtually on December 15, 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 2,317 metric tons (mt) due to implementation of the 2025-2027 specifications package. 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 289 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 Monday, December 22.
- The fishery will move to one (1) landing day starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23 until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL has been caught or at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, whichever comes first.

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.