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## **Statement of Permit Conditions**

You are receiving this letter because you hold a sea herring regulated fishery permit endorsement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This letter modifies the fishing limits for the Trimester 3 Management Area 1A sea herring fishery, as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Sea Herring Section.

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR § 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the **Statement of Conditions** enumerated below shall apply to your 2017 commercial fishing permit.

- 1. <u>Days-Out</u>: Beginning on December 19, 2017, when fishing in the Management Area 1A directed fishery for Atlantic sea herring your vessel may land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A in Massachusetts **7 days per week, one landing per day**.
- 2. <u>Quota Closure</u>: Once 92% of the Trimester 3 quota allocation for Management Area 1A is projected to be landed, the commercial sea herring fishery in this area will be closed and the taking or landing sea herring taken from Management Area 1A, except in accordance with incidental catch exemption below.
- 3. <u>Incidental Catch Exception</u>: Vessels may land up to 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A during once the fishery is closed, provided the vessel does not land more than once per day.

Violation(s) of any condition or restriction as contained herein or any provision of 322 CMR 9.00 may result in the suspension or revocation of the commercial fishing permit and any other fines and penalties as provided in G.L. c.130. The Director may amend this Statement of Conditions at any time.

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Effective Date