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On February 15, 2012 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Northern Shrimp Section voted to enact an emergency closure to the northern shrimp fishery. Effective at 23:59 hours on Friday, February 17, 2012 it shall be unlawful for commercial fishing vessels to take, possess or land northern shrimp in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts until the 2012/2013 northern shrimp fishery opens or notice otherwise is given. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for dealers to purchase northern shrimp once the fishery is closed.

Further information on public hearings and public comment regarding the management of northern shrimp can be found on the ASMFC and *Marine Fisheries* websites: www.asmfc.org , www.mass.gov/marinefisheries



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