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2008 DAYS-OUT SPECIFICATIONS IN SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) is providing this notice of regulatory measures in effect for the 2008 sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A (see map below):

- January 1 May 31: Directed commercial fishing is prohibited.
- Beginning June 1st: Directed commercial fishing is prohibited on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- States will meet and reassess the days out measures to ensure between 12,500 mt (the historic average) and 15,000 mt of the Management Area 1A TAC remain for the postspawning period fishery.
- During the closure days, vessels participating in other fisheries may retain an incidental catch of herring that does not exceed more than 2,000 lbs of herring per trip.

