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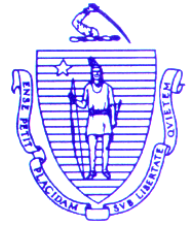
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ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1B

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c.30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130, §17A and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(3), 7.01(7) and §9.05, the quota for Atlantic sea herring in Management Area 1B, as established at 322 CMR § 9.02(1) has been taken. Therefore, in accordance with 322 CMR §9.05, the Atlantic sea herring fishery within the waters of Management Area 1B is closed effective 0001 hours on Saturday, May 24, 2014. From May 24, 2014 through December 31, 2014, it shall be unlawful to land more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1B in Massachusetts. This action affects any vessel registered under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Additionally, during this period, it shall be unlawful for any dealer to purchase Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1B, as established by 322 CMR §§ 7.07(5)(b). Except that vessels currently fishing in Management Area 1B may complete their trip, and if they enter port before 0001 hours on May 24, 2014, are lawfully allowed to land and sell all sea herring taken during that trip.

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