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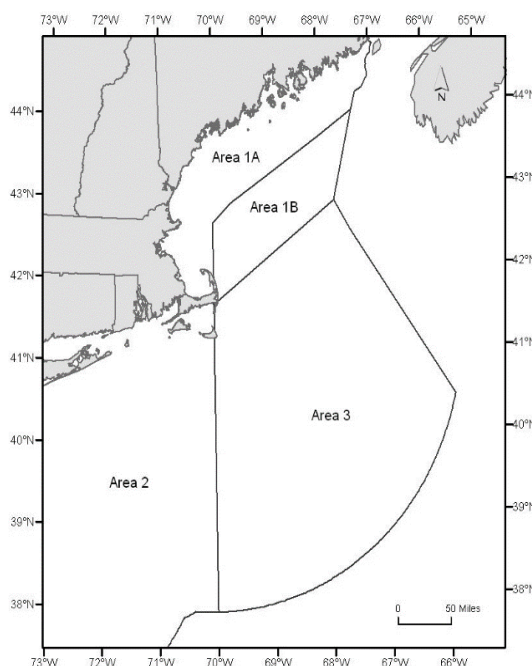
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Atlantic Sea Herring Area 1A Effort Controls for 2025 – Fishery to Open July 27th

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts approved the following effort control measures to manage the Area 1A quota of 862 mt for Season 1 (June 1 – September 30):

1. Season Start Date. The fishery shall open on July 27, 2025 at 6PM. From June 1, 2025 through 6PM on July 27, 2025, the directed fishery in Area 1A will remain closed.
2. Open Days. Beginning at 6PM on June 27, 2025:
 - i. Federal Category A permit holders that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may land herring five consecutive days per week, one landing per 24 hour period. The week shall begin at 6PM on Sundays and conclude at 6PM on Fridays. Vessels are prohibited from landing or possessing herring taken from Area 1A during a day out of the fishery.
 - ii. Federal Category C/D Small-mesh bottom trawl (SMBT) permit holders that have declared into the differential SMBT Days Out program in Area 1A may land herring six consecutive days per week. The week shall begin at 6PM on Sundays and conclude at 6PM on Saturdays.
3. Weekly Landing Limits. Category A permit holders that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may not harvest or land in excess of 240,000 pounds (six trucks) of herring per harvester vessel per week starting July 27.
4. At-Sea Transfers. Category A permit holders landing herring caught in Area 1A may transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel but may not make any at-sea transfers



to a carrier vessel. Carrier vessels are prohibited from receiving any at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel of herring taken from Area 1A.

5. Incidental Catch. All fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of herring from Area 1A during any closed period.

For more information regarding the management of Atlantic sea herring in Massachusetts, please visit www.mass.gov/marinefisheries and www.asmfc.org.