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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

#### **ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT: EASTERN MAINE SPAWNING CLOSURE AND DAYS OUT MEETING NOTICE**

##### Eastern Maine Spawning Closure

On August 21, 2023 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced the Eastern Maine Spawning Closure will be in effect from 12:01AM on August 28, 2023 through 11:59PM on October 8, 2023. During this closure period, directed fishing for sea herring within the spawning closure area is prohibited and vessels transiting the area must have mid-water trawl and seine gear stowed. Any vessels participating in non-directed fisheries may only retain, possess, or land up to 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from the spawning closure area. The Eastern Maine Spawning Closure includes all waters bounded by the following coordinates: the Maine Coast and 68°20' west longitude; 43° 48' north latitude and 68° 20' west longitude; 44°25' north latitude and 67° 03' west longitude; and maritime border of the United States and Canada.

Additional notices will be provided for the pending seasonal spawning closures in Western Maine and Massachusetts/New Hampshire (default closure date of September 23).

##### Upcoming Days Out Meeting

Members of the ASMFC's Atlantic Herring Management Board from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts will meet via webinar on September 14, 2023 from 10:30AM to 12:00 PM to discuss days out measures for Season 2 (October 1 – December 31) in Management Area 1A (Inshore Gulf of Maine).

You can join the meeting through the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/738566485>. If you are new to GoToMeeting, you can [download the application](#) ahead of time and be ready before the meeting starts. For audio, the meeting will be using the computer voice over internet protocol (VoIP), but if you are joining the webinar from your phone only, you can dial in at +1 (872) 240-3212 and enter access code 738-566-485 when prompted. The webinar will start at 10:15 a.m., 15 minutes early, to troubleshoot audio as necessary.