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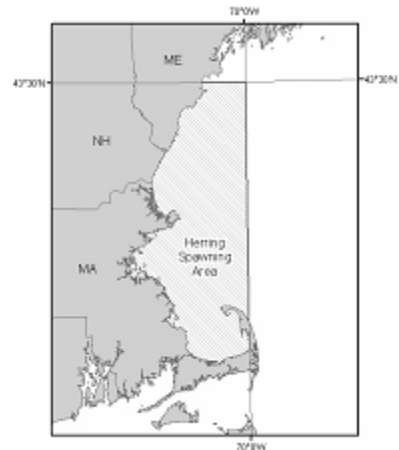
REMINDER OF ATLANTIC SEA HERRING SPAWNING CLOSURE  
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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Effective 0001 hours on Monday, September 21st, it shall be unlawful to possess or land sea herring caught from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area (322 CMR 9.03). This closure extends through October 18th, but may be extended by the Director if *Marine Fisheries* sampling of herring landings indicates that spawning is ongoing. This is one of a few spawning closures in the Gulf of Maine timed to anticipate when herring begin their autumn spawning.

Spawning area boundaries begin at the intersection of 43°30' N latitude and the Maine coast, then in a SW direction along the coast to the intersection of 70°00' W longitude with the Cape Cod shoreline, then north along 70°00'W to its intersection with 43°30' N latitude, then along the 43°30'N line back to the coast.

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.



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