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Days Out Measures for Season 2 of the 2026 Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery

Members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Sea Herring Management Board from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts [met virtually on September 21, 2026](#). The purpose of the meeting was to review the utilization of the 2026 Atlantic sea herring sub-ACL (annual catch limit, or quota) for Management Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) and set effort control measures for the remainder of the Season 2 fishery (October 1 – December 31). There are approximately 2,075 metric tons (MT) available for harvest during Season 2, taking into account a Season 1 underage and initial catch estimates from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery.

The days out measures for Season 2 are as follows:

- Landing days will be set at zero (0) from October 1 through October 11.
- The fishery will move to two (2) landing days from 12:01 a.m. on Monday, October 12 to 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13.
- The fishery will move to zero (0) landing days from October 14 through November 8.
- The fishery will move to four (4) consecutive landing days per week starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 9 until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL is caught. Landing days are Mondays from 12:01 a.m. through Thursdays at 11:59 p.m., weekly.

The fishery will only move to four (4) landing days on November 9 at 12:01 a.m. if there is remaining Season 2 quota at that time. Quota availability will depend on how much is landed from October 12-13.

While landing days are set at zero (0), harvesters are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A.

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