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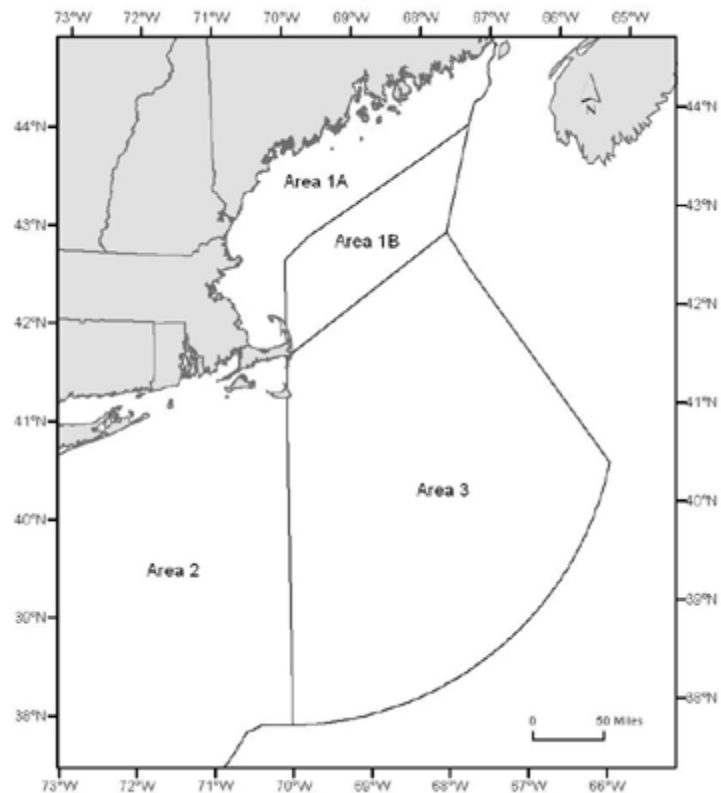
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**SEA HERRING DAYS-OUT IN MANAGEMENT AREA 1A
DURING SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER**

At a September 24th meeting of the Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine delegations of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Section, the following measures were agreed upon for the sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A (see map below):

- **Directed commercial fishing is prohibited except on:**
Wednesday, October 1st
Wednesday, October 8th
Wednesday, October 15th
Tuesday, October 21st
Wednesday, October 22nd
Tuesday, October 28th
Wednesday, October 29th
Tuesday, November 4th
Wednesday, November 5th
Tuesday, November 11th
Wednesday, November 12th
- **During the closure days, 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.**



These actions retain the current Thursday through Sunday no-fishing days while adding additional days-out. Fishermen are also reminded of the default spawning closure that went into effect on September 21st. Landing and possession of sea herring caught from the MA/NH Spawning Area will remain unlawful through October 18th.

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.