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MarineFisheries Advisory

Adjustments to Trimester 3
Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery Management in Area 1A

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s (ASMFC) Sea Herring Section has adjusted the days-out measures for federal Category A permit holders during the Trimester 3 Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A. Federal Category A permit holders participating in this fishery will receive permit conditions from DMF establishing these new limits. These changes become effective at 0001 Friday, November 16, 2018.

- Participating vessels may fish for, possess and land sea herring taken from Management Area 1A seven (7) consecutive days per week, one landing per 24 hour period.

Federal Category A permits are issued to large scale sea herring harvesters, including mid-water trawl and purse seine vessels. Federal Category C and D permit holders (e.g., small mesh bottom trawlers), may continue to participate in the Trimester 3 Management Area 1A fishery and fish for, possess, and land sea herring seven (7) days per week.

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