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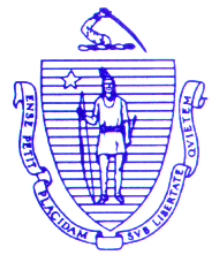
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FISHERY CLOSURE NOTICE

2019 ATLANTIC SEA HERRING MANAGEMENT AREA 1A PERIOD 3 CLOSURE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

The Management Area 1A Period 3 (September 1 – October 31) quota allocation of Atlantic sea herring, as established at 322 CMR §§ 9.01 and 9.02, is projected to be fully taken as of Saturday, September 14, 2019. Accordingly, pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A §3 and under the authority of G.L. c.130 §§17A, 21 and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 7.01(7) and 9.03(3), the Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A is closed effective 0001 hours on Sunday, September 15, 2019. The directed sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A will remain closed through October 31, 2019, when the Period 4 fishery is scheduled to open.

In accordance with 322 CMR § 9.05(3), vessels that have declared into the Management Area 1A fishery and hold a Statement of Permit Conditions and Letter of Authorization issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries are prohibited from retaining, possessing or landing more than 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from Management Area 1A as incidental catch in other fisheries. This limit applies per calendar day or per fishing trip, whichever duration of time is longer. Also, vessels may transit Management Area 1A during this closure in possession of non-conforming quantities of Atlantic sea herring, provided that the fish was lawfully caught outside of Management Area 1A and all gear is stowed in a manner that it is unavailable for immediate use.

This closures also applies to dealers authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §§ 7.01(3) and 7.07(3), to purchase Atlantic sea herring directly from commercial fishermen. In accordance with 322 CMR §§ 7.01(7), 7.07(5)(b) and 9.05 these dealers are prohibited from purchasing or receiving more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring per vessel during any calendar day from a fishing trip that occurred within Management Area 1A, except as otherwise authorized.

Dated: September 12, 2019

By: _____