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Director's Declaration: Effort Controls in Commercial Atlantic Sea Herring Fishery in Management Area 1A – Inshore Gulf of Maine

Pursuant to the authority at G.L. c. 130, §17A and 80 and 322 CMR 7.01(7) and 9.05(2), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries hereby declares the following effort controls for the Season 1 (June 1 – September 30) commercial Atlantic sea herring fishery in Management Area 1A to be adopted by permit condition in order to conform with the limits established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Sea Herring Board.

1. **From June 1, 2023 through 1759 hours on July 16, 2023, it shall be unlawful for commercial fishers to retain, possess, or land Atlantic sea herring fishery taken from Management Area 1A, as defined at 322 CMR 9.02, except as authorized at 322 CMR 9.05(4). Commercial fishers may transit Management Area 1A in possession of Atlantic sea herring lawfully harvested from another Management Area provided all gear is stowed and the vessel is not actively fishing.**
2. **Beginning on July 16 at 1800 hours, federal Category A permit holders who have declared into the directed fishery in Management Area 1A may land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A five consecutive days of per week provided they do not land more than once per 24-hour period. A week shall begin at 1800 hours on Sunday and conclude at 1800 hours on Friday. The weekly landing limit for Category A permit holders is 320,000 pounds of Atlantic sea herring. The use of carrier vessels is prohibited and Category A permit holders may not make any at-sea transfers to carriers vessels.**
3. **Beginning on July 16 at 1800 hours, federal Category C and D permit holders that have declared into the directed fishery in Management Area 1A may land Atlantic sea herring taken from Management Area 1A six consecutive days of per week provided they do not land more than once per 24-hour period. A week shall begin at 1800 hours on Sunday and conclude at 1800 hours on Saturday. Landing limits for these vessels are established by federal regulation at 50 CFR 648.4(10)(iv) and (v).**

Dated: May 2, 2023

By: _____

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