



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Atlantic Herring Management Board, Atlantic Herring Technical Committee, Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel, Interested Parties

**FROM:** Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TKM*

**DATE:** April 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Area 1A 2022 Effort Controls

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts set the effort control measures for the 2022 Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery for June 1 – September 30.

The Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) is 961 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the overage from 2020, the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL. In October 2021, the Board established the following seasonal allocations for the 2022 Area 1A sub-ACL: 72.8% available for season 1 (June 1 – September 30) and 27.2% available for season 2 (October 1 – December 31).

### 2022 Atlantic Herring 1A Quota (in mt) Allocation by Season

| Season                   | 1A Quota |
|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. June 1-September 30   | 700 mt   |
| 2. October 1-December 31 | 261 mt   |

### Days Out of the Fishery

- Landing days will be set at zero (0) from June 1 until the start of the fishery on July 10 at 6:00 p.m.
- Landing days begin on Sunday of each week at 6:00 p.m. starting July 10.
- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category A permit that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may land herring five (5) consecutive days a week. The week shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays. One landing per 24 hour period. Vessels are prohibited from landing or possessing herring caught from Area 1A during a day out of the fishery.
- Small mesh bottom trawl vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category C or Open Access D permit that have declared into the fishery may land herring six (6) consecutive days a week. The week shall begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

### **Weekly Landing Limit**

- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit may harvest up to 240,000 lbs. (6 trucks) per harvester vessel, per week starting July 10.

### **At-Sea Transfer and Carrier Restrictions**

The following applies to harvester vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit and carrier vessels landing herring caught in Area 1A to a Maine, New Hampshire, or Massachusetts port.

- A harvester vessel may transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel.
- A harvester vessel may not make any at-sea transfers to a carrier vessel.
- Carrier vessels may not receive at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel.

Fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A until July 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Landings will be closely monitored and the fishery will be adjusted to zero landing days when the season 1 quota is projected to be reached.

Please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [efranke@asmfc.org](mailto:efranke@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740 for more information.

### **Motions**

#### **Move to implement 5 landing days for Category A vessels and a 6 truck weekly landing limit.**

Motion by Ms. Ware, second by Ms. Griffin.

Motion passes by consensus.

#### **Move to implement zero landing days before July 10 at 6:00pm.**

Motion by Ms. Ware, second by Mr. White.

Motion passes by consensus.

#### **Move to allow harvester-to-harvester transfers but not allow transfers to carriers.**

Motion by Ms. Ware, second by Mr. Abbott.

Motion passes by consensus.

#### **Move to set 6 landing days for Category C/D SMBT vessels.**

Motion by Ms. Ware, second by Mr. White.

Motion passes by consensus.