



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

April 2, 2015

To: Atlantic Herring Section
From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TMK*
Subject: Atlantic Herring Area 1A Days Out Meeting Notice

Atlantic Herring Section (Section) members from the states of Maine, New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will meet at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2015, to discuss “days out” measures for the 2015 Area 1A fishing season from June 1 to September 30. This meeting will take place at the New Hampshire Urban Forestry Center at 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

The 2015 Area 1A sub-annual catch limit is 30,290 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the 2013 carryover, 3% Herring Research Set-Aside awarded in 2015, and 295 mt fixed gear fishery set-aside. The Section set the seasonal split as 72.8% allocated from June 1 – September 30 and 27.2% allocated from October 1 – December 31. Fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring harvested from Area 1A until June 1, 2015.

Please contact Melissa Yuen, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 703.842.0740 or myuen@asmfc.org for more information.

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Final 2015 Specifications

Effective Date: February 12, 2015

We have approved the final herring specifications for 2015, which account for unharvested catch in 2013. We have included details of the specific adjustments below.

Final Adjusted Herring sub-ACLs for 2015 (mt)

Area 1A	30,585
Area 1B	4,922
Area 2	32,100
Area 3	44,910
Stock-wide	104,566

Herring ACLs, Catch, and Carryover (mt)

	2013 sub-ACLs	2013 Catch	Unharvested Catch	Carryover (maximum 10% of sub-ACL)*	2015 sub-ACLs**	2015 sub-ACLs Adjusted for Carryover
Area 1A	29,775	29,454	321	321	30,264	30,585
Area 1B	4,600	2,459	2,141	460	4,462	4,922
Area 2	30,000	26,562	3,438	3,000	29,100	32,100
Area 3	42,000	37,290	4,170	4,170	40,740	44,910
Stock-wide	106,375	95,764	10,611	NA	104,566	104,566***

* Maximum allowable carryover is 10% of the initial sub-ACLs: Area 1A, 31,200 mt; Area 1B, 4,600 mt; Area 2, 30,000 mt; and Area 3, 42,000 mt.

** 2015 sub-ACLs include a reduction for Research Set-Aside (RSA).

*** The sum of the 2015 adjusted sub-ACLs does not equal the stock-wide ACL of 104,566 (as adjusted for RSA) because the stock-wide ACL cannot be increased by carryover.

For More Information on Herring Catch and Catch Limits:

We track herring catch against herring catch limits and post that information weekly on the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office website (<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>) under “Quotas, Landings.” Please visit this webpage during the fishing year to check how much herring catch is available in a particular management area.

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