



**Discussion on  
Atlantic Herring Area 1A  
Management Measures**

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# Spawning Area Efficacy

**2.2.2 Default Start Date (4.3.2.2 Spawning Closures & Default Dates of Amendment 2):** If sufficient samples are not available, closures will begin on the following dates.

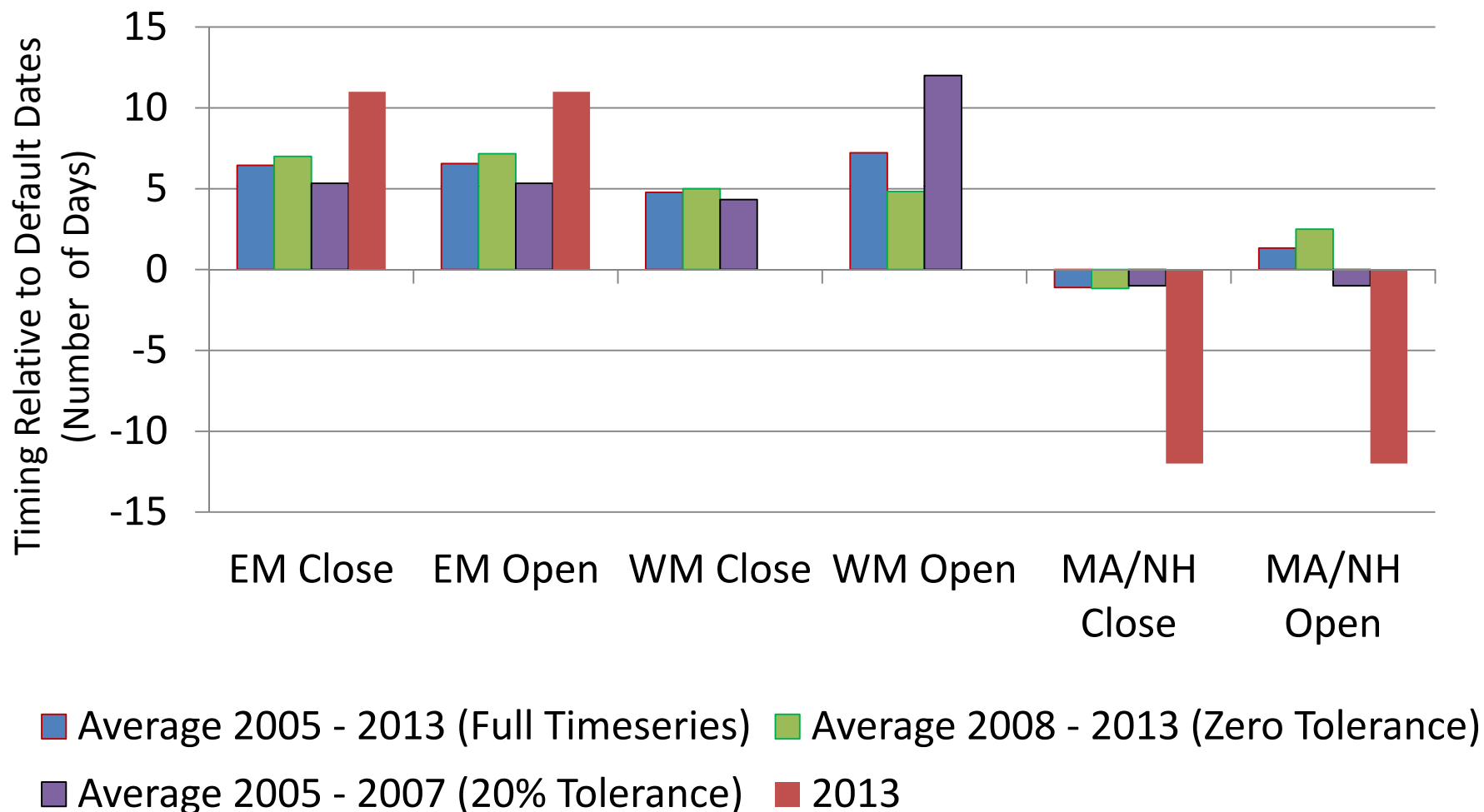
- Eastern Maine: August 15
- Western Maine: September 1
- Massachusetts/New Hampshire: September 21

**2.2.3 Sampling Protocol (4.2.1.2 Determination of Starting Date for Spawning Closures of Addendum I to Amendment 1):**

Closures in a given area will begin based on the spawning condition of Atlantic herring as determined from commercial catch samples. Commercial catch sampling shall begin by at least August 1 for the Eastern and Western Maine areas, and by at least September 1 for the Massachusetts/New Hampshire area. If sufficient samples are not available, closures will begin on the default dates.

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## Timing of Atlantic Herring Spawning Area Closure and Re-Opening in Relation to Default Dates



# Fixed Gear Set-Aside

## **Framework Adjustment 2 to the Atlantic Herring FMP**

This set-aside shall be available for harvest by the fixed-gear within the specified area until November 1 of each year; any unused portion of the allocation will be restored to the Area 1A sub-ACL after November 1. ... This final rule sets the fixed gear set-aside at 295 mt for 2013–2015.