



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

August 14, 2019

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

**From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director**

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**RE: Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery Moves to Zero Landing Days on August 18, 2019**

The Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) Atlantic herring fishery is projected to have harvested 92% of the Period 2 allocation by August 17, 2019. Beginning 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, August 18, 2019, the Area 1A fishery will move to zero landing days through August 31, 2019, as specified in Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring.

Vessels participating in other fisheries may not possess more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip per day harvested from Area 1A. In addition, all vessels traveling through Area 1A must have all seine and mid-water trawl gear stowed.

The Period 3 fishery will begin on September 1 in Maine and September 2 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts with the following specifications during September only:

### Days Out of the Fishery

- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category A permit that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may land herring four (4) consecutive days a week. 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.
  - Landing days in New Hampshire and Massachusetts begin on Monday of each week at 12:01 a.m., starting September 2.
  - Landings days in Maine begin on Sunday of each week at 6:00 p.m., starting September 1
- 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 five (5) consecutive days a week.

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### **Weekly Landing Limit**

- Vessels with a herring Category A permit may harvest up to 160,000 lbs (4 trucks) per harvester vessel, per week.

### **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 can transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel.
- A harvester vessel may not make an at-sea transfers to a carrier vessel.
- Carrier vessels may not receive at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel.
- Carrier vessel is defined as a vessel with no gear on board capable of catching or processing fish, while a harvester vessel is defined as a vessel that is required to report the catch it has aboard as the harvesting vessel on the federal Vessel Trip Report.

For more information, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [krootes-murdy@asmfc.org](mailto:krootes-murdy@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.