MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Toni Kerns, Policy Director

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Days Out Measures for Season 2 of the 2021 Area 1A Fishery

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts met September 24 via conference call to set effort control measures for the 2021 Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery for Season 2 (October 1 – December 31). The Season 2 quota is approximately 184 metric tons (mt), which is 27.2% of the Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) after adjusting for the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, a slight overage from Season 1, and the 8% buffer (since the Area 1A fishery closes at 92% of the sub-ACL). Due to the very low quota, the days out measures for Season 2 are as follows:

- Landing days will be set at zero (0) for Season 2.

If quota is reallocated from the Canadian weir fishery to the U.S. Area 1A sub-ACL, a days out meeting will be scheduled to consider adjusting the landing days.

Harvesters are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A during Season 2.

Please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740 for more information.

**Motions**

Move to set zero landing days for Season 2. If quota is reallocated from the Canadian weir fishery to the US Area 1A sub-ACL, a days out meeting will be scheduled.

Motion by Ms. Ware. Motion approved by consensus.