



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2020

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

From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TK*

RE: Area 1A 2020 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 2020 Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery for Season 1 (June-September).

The Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) is 2,957 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the research set-aside, the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL. In October 2019, the Atlantic Herring Management Board implemented seasonal allocations for the 2020 fishery which allocates the Area 1A sub-ACL between June-September (72.8%) and October-December (27.2%).

2020 Atlantic Herring 1A Quota (in mt) Allocation by Season

Season	1A Quota
Season 1: June-September	2,152 mt
Season 2: October-December	804 mt

Days Out of the Fishery

- Landing days will be set at zero from June 1 until the start of the fishery on July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.
- 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.
 - Landings days in Maine begin on Sunday of each week at 6:00 p.m. starting July 19.
 - Landing days in New Hampshire and Massachusetts begin on Monday of each week at 12:01 a.m. starting July 20.
- 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 an Atlantic herring Category A permit may harvest up to 240,000 lbs. (6 trucks) per harvester vessel, per week starting July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts

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 19 or 20, 2020, depending on the state. Landings will be closely monitored and the fishery will be adjusted to zero landing days when the seasonal period quota is projected to be reached.

Please contact Max Appelman, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mappelman@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740 for more information.

Motions

Move to have season 1 start July 19 (ME) at 6 p.m.; July 20 for MA and NH vessels at 12:01 a.m. Zero landing days prior to July 19-20.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. McKiernan. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion

Move to implement 4 landing days and an 8 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion substituted.

Motion to Substitute

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion as Substituted

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion passed by consent.

Move to implement 5 landing days for Category C and D permits under the Small Mesh Bottom Trawl program.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passes by consent.

Move to allow harvester-to-harvester transfers at sea, but not allow transfers to carriers.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passed by consent.