



Northeast Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Revised 2012 Area 1A and 1B Quota and

Herring Catch in Area 1B Limited to 2,000 lb per day

Effective Date: 0001 hours, February 24, 2012, through December 31, 2012

Due to overages in herring management Areas 1A and 1B in 2010, NMFS revised the 2012 sub-ACLs (annual catch limit) in Areas 1A and 1B for the remainder of the 2012 fishing year.

Revised 2012 Quotas for Atlantic Herring		
Herring Management Area	Original 2012 sub-ACL	Revised 2012 sub-ACL
Area 1A	26,546*	24,668 mt*
Area 1B	4,362	2,723 mt
Area 2	22,146	No change
Area 3	38,146	No change
*If New Brunswick weir fishery landings through October 15 are less than 9,000 mt, then 3,000 mt will be added to the Area 1A sub-ACL in November.		

As of February 24, 2012, the revised Area 1B sub-ACL was exceeded. **Therefore, the directed fishery for Atlantic herring is closed in Area 1B as of 0001 hours, February 24, 2012.** Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 1B beginning February 24, 2012, per trip or calendar day until the start of the fishing year on January 1, 2013.

Federally permitted dealers may not purchase more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 1B from 0001 hours, February 24, 2012, per trip or calendar day until January 1, 2013.

As a reminder, we have made vessel catch data available to permit holders via the internet through a tool called Fish-On-Line. You should have received instructions on how to access Fish-On-Line in a letter dated April 1, 2010. Fish-On-Line currently allows you to view landings information for your vessel reported through the interactive voice response system (IVR), on Vessel Trip Reports (VTR), and by federally permitted seafood dealers. We encourage you to use Fish-On-Line to verify the accuracy of your catch information. Improved data accuracy will help both state and Federal fishery managers better implement inseason measures. If you have questions on how to access your data, or if you discover missing data or inaccuracies in the herring data reported for your vessel, please contact NMFS immediately at (978) 281-9133 or by email at fso.data.requests@noaa.gov.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.