



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE** National  
**Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
One Blackburn Drive  
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Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that under the Northeast Multispecies regulations, vessel operators fishing for Atlantic herring with mid-water trawl or purse seine gear in the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Regulated Mesh Area or the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area must have been issued and have on board:

- (1) A valid Federal Atlantic herring permit and;
- (2) A valid mid-water trawl and/or purse seine authorization letter.

The regulations that set forth the requirement for the authorization of mid-water trawl and/or purse seine gear may be found in 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 648.80(d) and (e).

If you have any questions relating to permits or want to request a Federal Atlantic herring permit application or a mid-water trawl or purse seine exemption letter of authorization, please call the Permit Office at (978) 281-9370.

Sincerely

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

