



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

This letter is to advise you that 95 percent of the Atlantic herring total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to Management Area 1A (Area 1A) for the fishing year 2001 (January-December) is projected to be harvested by November 10, 2001.

Therefore, pursuant to 50 CFR 648.202, effective 0001 hours, November 10, 2001, vessels issued Federal permits for Atlantic herring may not retain or land more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring from Area 1A per trip or calendar day for the remainder of the 2001 fishery. This catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, January 1, 2002, at which time the 2002 Area 1A TAC for the Atlantic herring fishery will become available.

The Northeast Regional Office has established two automated systems to provide faster notice to the fishing industry of management actions. You may receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by requesting to be notified through one of the following systems: (1) You may request e-mail notices by clicking on "What's New" on our website at <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>, or (2) you may be notified via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135. If you choose to receive notification of management actions through one of the above automated systems, you will continue to receive notices through the mail.

*This letter is authorized by the Northeast Regional
Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service*

