



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

2016-2018 Specifications and River Herring and Shad Catch Caps

*Effective Date: December 1, 2016*

We have approved the final herring specifications and river herring and shad catch caps for 2016 through 2018.

<b>2016-2018 Atlantic Herring Specifications</b>	
	<b>2016-2018 (mt)</b>
<b>Overfishing Limit</b>	138,000 – 2016 117,000 – 2017 111,000 – 2018
<b>Acceptable Biological Catch</b>	111,000
<b>Management Uncertainty</b>	6,200
<b>Optimum Yield/ACL</b>	104,800*
<b>Domestic Annual Harvest</b>	104,800
<b>Border Transfer</b>	4,000
<b>Domestic Annual Processing</b>	100,800
<b>U.S. At-Sea Processing</b>	0
<b>Area 1A Sub-ACL</b>	30,300*
<b>Area 1B Sub-ACL</b>	4,500
<b>Area 2 Sub-ACL</b>	29,100
<b>Area 3 Sub-ACL</b>	40,900
<b>Fixed Gear Set-Aside</b>	295
<b>Research Set-Aside</b>	3 percent of each sub-ACL
* If New Brunswick weir fishery catch harvested through October 1 is less than 4,000 mt, then 1,000 mt will be subtracted from the management uncertainty buffer and added to the ACL and Area 1A Sub-ACL through a <u>Federal Register</u> Notice.	

*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, Greater Atlantic Region.*

<b>2016-2018 River Herring and Shad Catch Caps</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Gear</b>	<b>Amount (mt)</b>
Gulf Of Maine	Midwater Trawl	76.7
Cape Cod	Midwater Trawl	32.4
Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic	Midwater Trawl	129.6
Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic	Bottom Trawl	122.3
Total	All Gears	361.0

Based on the final 2016 herring specifications, below are the sub-ACLs that are in effect for the remainder of the 2016 fishing year.

<b>2016 Herring Management Area Sub-ACLs</b>				
<b>Sub-ACLs</b>	<b>Initial 2016 Sub-ACLs (mt)</b>	<b>Research Set-Aside (mt)</b>	<b>Adjustments for 2014 Catch (mt)</b>	<b>Final 2016 Sub-ACLs (mt)</b>
Area 1A	30,300*	- 909	+ 133	29,524*
Area 1B	4,500	- 135	- 1,521	2,844
Area 2	29,100	- 873	+ 3,000	31,227
Area 3	40,900	- 1,227	+ 3,092	42,765
* If New Brunswick weir fishery catch through October 1 is less than 4,000 mt, then 1,000 mt will be added to the Area 1A Sub-ACL.				

For information on herring reporting, observer notification requirements, sub-ACL status, latest closures, or rulemaking documents, please visit the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region herring webpage at:

<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/atlherring/index.html>

For the latest quota monitoring information on the river herring and shad catch caps please visit:

<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/monitoring/riverherringshad.html>