



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Adjusted Initial 2016 Specifications  
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We have adjusted the initial herring specifications for 2016, which account for overages and carryover of unharvested catch from 2014. We have included details of the specific adjustments below. Final 2016 herring specifications will publish later this spring.

### Initial Adjusted Herring sub-ACLs for 2016 (mt)

Area 1A	30,397
Area 1B	2,941
Area 2	32,100
Area 3	43,832
Stock-wide	103,045

### Herring sub-ACLs, Catch, and Carryover (mt)

	2014 sub-ACLs	2014 Catch	Underage or Overage	Carryover (max 10 Percent of 2014 sub-ACLs*) or Overage Deduction	2015 Adjusted sub-ACLs	Initial 2016 sub-ACLs Adjusted for Carryover or Overage
Area 1A	33,031	32,898	133	133	30,264	30,397
Area 1B	2,878	4,399	-1,521	-1,521	4,462	2,941
Area 2	28,764	19,626	9,138	3,000	29,100	32,100
Area 3	39,415	36,323	3,092	3,092	40,740	43,832
Stock-wide	104,088	93,247	10,841	NA	104,566	103,045**

\* Maximum carryover, where applicable, is based on 10 percent of initial 2014 ACLs: Area 1A, 31,200 mt; Area 1B, 4,600 mt; Area 2, 30,000 mt; and Area 3, 42,000 mt.

\*\* Although the initial 2016 stock-wide ACL cannot be increased by carryover, it is deducted by the amount of overage in Area 1B.

### For More Information on Herring Catch and Catch Limits:

We track herring catch against herring catch limits and post that information weekly on the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office website (<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>) under “Quotas, Landings.” Please visit this webpage during the fishing year to check how much herring catch is available in a particular management area.

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