



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Management Area 1A Directed Fishery Closure

Herring catch limited to 2,000 lb per trip or day

Effective Date: 0001 hours on October 26, 2014

NMFS announces the closure of the directed fishery for Atlantic herring in Area 1A as of 0001 hours, October 26, 2014. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring in or from Area 1A per trip or calendar day, beginning at 0001 hr on October 26, 2014, through 2400 hr on December 31, 2014. After the closure, no vessel may offload and/or sell more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 1A unless that vessel entered port before 0001 hr on October 26, 2014. Vessels may not fish for herring in or from Area 1A from January 1, 2015, through May 31, 2015.

Federally permitted dealers may not receive more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 1A, per trip or calendar day, from 0001 hours, October 26, 2014, through December 31, 2014, unless it is from a trip landed by a vessel that entered port before 0001 hr on October 26, 2014. Federally permitted dealers may not receive any herring from a vessel that harvested fish from Area 1A between January 1, 2015, and May 31, 2015.

During the directed fishery closure, from October 26, 2014, through December 31, 2014, vessels may transit through Area 1A with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided the vessel did not fish for or catch more than 2,000 lb of herring in Area 1A and stows all fishing gear aboard, making it unavailable for immediate use.

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.