



Northeast Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Management Area 1A Closure

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

Effective Date: October 15, 2013

NMFS announces the closure of the directed fishery for Atlantic herring in Area 1A as of 0001 hours, October 15, 2013. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring from Area 1A per trip or calendar day, beginning October 15, 2013, until June 1, 2014, except that vessels that have entered port before 0001 hr on October 15, 2013, may offload and sell, from that trip, more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 1A after the closure.

Federally permitted dealers may not receive from a vessel more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 1A, per trip or calendar day, from 0001 hours, October 15, 2013, until the start of the 2013 fishing year on June 1, 2014, unless it is from a trip landed by a vessel that entered port before 0001 hr on October 15, 2013.

During the closure, vessels may transit through Area 1A with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided the vessel did not catch the herring in Area 1A and stows all fishing gear aboard, making it unavailable for immediate use. On June 1, 2014, the quota for Area 1A for the 2014 Atlantic herring fishing year will become available, and the directed fishery will re-open.

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, Northeast Region.