



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## **ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY**

Management Area 2 Closure

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

*Effective Date: February 20, 2012*

The directed fishery for Atlantic herring is closed in Area 2 as of 0001 hours, February 20, 2012. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 2 beginning February 20, 2012, per trip or calendar day through the start of the next fishing year on January 1, 2013.

Federally permitted dealers may not purchase more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 2 from 0001 hours, February 20, 2012, per trip or calendar day until the start of the 2013 fishing year on January 1, 2013.

Vessels may transit or land Atlantic herring in Area 2 with more than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring on board, as long as Atlantic herring were not caught in Area 2, and all fishing gear aboard is stowed and not available for immediate use. On January 1, 2013, the quota for Area 2 for the 2013 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.*