



Northeast Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Adjustment to the Area 1A sub-ACL

New Brunswick Weir Fishery Allocation Adjustment

Effective Date: November 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012

We have adjusted the 2012 fishing year Area 1A sub-annual herring catch limit (ACL) because the New Brunswick weir fishery harvested less than 9,000 mt of herring this year. Because the New Brunswick weir fishery landings through October 15, 2012, were under 9,000 mt, 3,000 mt will be added to the Area 1A sub-ACL after November 1, for the remainder of the fishery year. The New Brunswick weir fishery landed 409 mt as of October 15, 2012.

As of November 1, 2012, the Area 1A sub-ACL will be increased from 24,373 mt to 27,373 mt.

Reminder: When 95 percent of the Area 1A sub-ACL is projected to be harvested, NMFS will close Area 1A to directed fishing and vessels will be prohibited from possessing or landing greater than 2,000 lb per trip or calendar day.

Please check the herring quota monitoring website for more information on the status of the Area 1A sub-ACL. http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/reports/reports_frame.htm

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