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Herring Management Areas 1B and 3 Quotas Harvested

<i>Herring Management Area</i>	<i>Closure Effective Date</i>
Area 1B	October 1, 2011
Area 3	October 3, 2011

The directed fishery for Atlantic herring is closed in Area 1B as of 0001 hours, October 1, 2011, and in Area 3 as of 0001 hours, October 3, 2011. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 1B beginning October 1, 2011, or from Area 3 beginning October 3, 2011, per trip or calendar day until December 31, 2011.

Federally permitted dealers may not purchase more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 1B from 0001 hours, October 1, 2011, or from Area 3 from 0001 hours, October 3, 2011, per trip or calendar day until the start of the 2012 fishing year on January 1, 2012.

Vessels may transit or land Atlantic herring in Areas 1B and 3 with more than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring on board, as long as Atlantic herring were not caught in Areas 1B or 3, and all fishing gear aboard is stowed and not available for immediate use. On January 1, 2012, the quotas for Areas 1B and 3 for the 2012 Atlantic herring fishing year will become available, and the directed fishery will re-open.

This small entity compliance guide 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.