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## Small Entity Compliance Guide for the 2010 Atlantic Herring Specifications August 11, 2010

The 2010 Atlantic Herring (herring) specifications are effective from August 12 to December 31, 2010.

<b>2010 Specifications for Atlantic Herring</b>	
<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Allocation (mt)</b>
MSY Fishing Level	145,000
Allowable Biological Catch	106,000
Optimum Yield	91,200
Domestic Annual Harvest	91,200
Border Transfer	4,000
Domestic Annual Processing	87,200
At-Sea Processing	0
Area 1A	26,546*
Area 1B	4,362
Area 2	22,146
Area 3	38,146
Research Set Aside	0
*If New Brunswick weir fishery landings through October 15 are less than 9,000 mt, then 3,000 mt will be added to the Area 1A TAC in November.	

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will summarize herring catch data from the interactive voice response (IVR) system and dealer reports on a weekly basis and post these data on the Northeast Regional Office website (<http://www.nero.noaa.gov>).

NMFS must close the herring fishery in a management area when 95 percent of that area's allocation is projected to be harvested. During a closure of the herring fishery in a management area, vessels may not fish for, possess, catch, transfer, or land more than 2,000 lb of herring per day (defined as the 24-hour period beginning at 0001 hours and ending at 2400 hours) from that management area.

### **Reporting Dealer Information**

To ensure vessel owner/operators only sell to dealers with a Federal herring permit, and that correct dealer code information is included on all vessel trip reports (VTRs), please visit our website (<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/data/>) to access a list of current federally permitted dealers and verify this information.

As a reminder, NMFS recently made vessel landings data available to permit holders via the internet through a new tool called Fish-On-Line. You should have received instructions on how to access this tool in a letter dated April 1, 2010. Fish-On-Line currently allows you to view landings information for your vessel reported through IVR and in Vessel Trip Reports (VTR), and by federally permitted seafood dealers. We encourage you to use Fish-On-Line to verify the accuracy of your landings information. Improved data accuracy will help both state and Federal fishery managers better implement inseason measures. If you have questions on how to access your data, or if you discover missing data or inaccuracies in the herring data reported for your vessel, please contact NMFS immediately at (978) 281-9133 or by email at [fso.data.requests@noaa.gov](mailto:fso.data.requests@noaa.gov).

### **Additional Information**

This permit holder letter summarizes herring specifications and reporting requirements for the 2010 fishing year, but is not a substitute for the actual regulations. The full text of the regulations is available by visiting our website (address provided above). If you have questions about the 2010 regulations, please phone 978-281-9315.

You may also receive permit holder letters by e-mail, including closure notices, by visiting our website and clicking on "Permit Holder Letters." 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.*