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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE
2007-2009 ATLANTIC HERRING SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

This letter announces final specifications for the 2007 through 2009 fishing years for Atlantic herring, which are summarized in Attachment 1. You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on “Permit Holder Letters” on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

This letter does not contain all the regulatory provisions that pertain to the Atlantic herring fishery and, consequently, has no legal force or effect. A copy of the regulations can be obtained through a link to the Office of the Federal Register at the NOAA Fisheries Services’ Northeast Regional Office website: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>.

This small entity compliance guide complies with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator



ATTACHMENT 1

**Final Specifications and Area TACs for the
2007-2009 Atlantic Herring Fishery**

Specification	2007	2008-2009
Allowable Biological Catch (ABC)	194,000	194,000
Optimum Yield (OY)	145,000	145,000
Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH)	145,000	145,000
Domestic Annual Processing (DAP)	141,000	141,000
Joint Venture Processing; (JVP) Total (JVP + Internal Waters Processing)	0	0
U.S. At-Sea Processing (USAP)	20,000 (Areas 2 and 3 only)	20,000 (Areas 2 and 3 only)
Border Transfer (BT)	4,000	4,000
Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing (TALFF)	0	0
TAC - Area 1A	50,000 [48,500 fishery; 1,500 RSA] (Jan –May landings cannot exceed 5,000)	45,000 [43,650 fishery; 1,350 RSA] (Jan– May landings cannot exceed 5,000)
TAC - Area 1B	10,000 [9,700 fishery; 300 RSA]	10,000 [9,700 fishery; 300 RSA]
TAC - Area 2	30,000 [29,100 fishery; 900 RSA]	30,000 [29,100 fishery; 900 RSA]
TAC - Area 3	55,000 [53,350 fishery; 1,650 RSA]	60,000 [58,200 fishery; 1,800 RSA]
Research Set Aside (RSA)	3% from each area TAC (2008 and 2009 only)	3% from each area TAC (2008 and 2009 only)