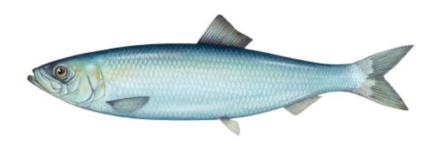


# Quota Periods for the Area 1A Fishery



Atlantic Herring Management Board
October 18, 2021

#### Outline



- Review 2021-2023 specifications
- Review Amendment 3 quota period systems
- Board action for consideration today:
   Set quota periods for the 2022 Area 1A fishery

Summary of postponed Draft Addendum III





## 2021-2023 SPECIFICATIONS AND QUOTA PERIODS

## 2021-2023 Specifications



- February 2021: Board approved Atlantic herring specifications for 2021-2023 contingent on a final rule for Framework 8 being published by NOAA Fisheries
- March 2021: NOAA Fisheries filed interim final rule to implement Framework 8, with one change regarding the research set-aside (RSA) for 2021
  - No RSA for 2021
- April 2021: Board approved the change for the 2021 RSA from 3 to 0 percent of sub-ACLs



## 2021-2023 Specifications (mt)



Specification	2021	2022	2023
Annual Catch Limit (ACL)	4,814	4,098	4,098
Domestic Annual Harvest	4,814	4,098	4,098
Border Transfer	0	0	0
Area 1A Sub-ACL	1,391*	1,184*	1,184*
Area 1B Sub-ACL	207	176	176
Area 2 Sub-ACL	1,338	1,139	1,139
Area 3 Sub-ACL	1,877	1,598	1,598
Fixed Gear Set-Aside	30	30	30
Research Set-Aside as % of Sub-ACLs	0%	0%	0%

<sup>\*</sup>If the New Brunswick weir fishery catch through October 1 is less than the associated "trigger", then 1,000 mt of the management uncertainty buffer will be added to the Area 1A sub-ACL



### Area 1A Quota Periods



- Per Amendment 3, quota periods shall be determined annually for Area 1A
- The Board can consider distributing the Area 1A sub-ACL to meet the needs of the fishery using quota periods:
  - Bi-monthly
  - Trimester
  - Seasonal
- The Board can also decide whether quota from January 1 –
   May 31 will be allocated to later in the fishing season
- Underages may be rolled from one period to the next within the same year

## Area 1A Quota Periods



Bi-Monthly Quotas									
January – December			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with June as a one-month period)			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with December as a one-month period)			
Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%	
1	Jan/Feb	1.5%	1	June	16.4%	1	June/July	36.8%	
2	Mar/Apr	2.3%	2	July/Aug	40.1%	2	Aug/Sep	36.0%	
3	May/June	24.0%	3	Sep/Oct	34.0%	3	Oct/Nov	27.1%	
4	July/Aug	34.6%	4	Nov/Dec	9.5%	4	Dec	0.2%	
5	Sep/Oct	29.4%		2019					
6	Nov/Dec	8.2%							

Trimesters			Seasonal Quotas					
Janu	ary – Decembe	er	January - December No Landings Prior to			June 1		
Trimester	Months	%	Season	Months	%	Season	Season	%
1	Jan - May	13.7%	1	Jan - Sep	76.5%	1	Jun - Sep	72.8%
2	Jun - Sept	62.8%	2	Oct - Dec	23.5%	2	Oct - Dec	27.2%
3	Oct - Dec	23.5%					2020, 2021	

<sup>\*</sup>These allocation %'s are fixed and can only be changed through an addendum.

## **Board Consideration Today**



- Set quota periods for the 2022 Area 1A fishery
  - Bi-monthly
  - Trimester
  - Seasonal

The 2022 sub-ACL for Area 1A is 1,184 metric tons.



#### POSTPONED DRAFT ADDENDUM III

## Postponed Draft Addendum III



- In October 2019, the Board initiated Draft Addendum III to consider new approaches for managing the Area 1A fishery under low quota scenarios
- The Board specified the draft addendum should include an option which allocates 100% of the Area 1A quota to the months of June-December
- The Board specified the draft addendum should also consider expanding days out provisions across different permit categories



## Postponed Draft Addendum III



- October 2019: Board initiated Draft Addendum III
- November 2019-January 2020: PDT developed Draft Addendum III
- February 2020: Board approved Draft Addendum III for public comment
- February-March 2020: Public Comment Period
- May 2020: Board postponed final action on Draft
   Addendum III until a final rule for the Council's Amendment
   8 is published and until the Council and Commission can meet to discuss coordination of Atlantic herring management

#### Postponed Draft Add. III: Quota Management

- Tanta Comuse
- Option 1: Status Quo bi-monthly/trimester/seasonal
- Option 2: Alternate Seasonal Allocation
  - January 1-May 31: 0%
  - June 1- December 31: 100%
- Option 3: Alternate Trimester Allocation
  - January 1-May 31: 0%
  - June 1- August 31: 80%
  - September 1- December 31: 20%
- Both options 2 and 3 could both be added to the suite of quota options the Board annually choses from

#### Postponed Draft Add. III: Days Out Permit Provisions



- Option 1: Status Quo
  - Only Category A permits subject to landing days and weekly landing limits
- Option 2: Days Out of the Fishery for Vessels with Category A or C Permits
  - Category C permits could be subject to landing days and weekly landing limits
  - Intended to address those Category C permits not accounted for through the Small Mesh Bottom Trawl Program
  - Increase weekly landing limit provision to up to 99.9% of vessels

#### Postponed Draft Add. III: Weekly Landing Limit



- Option 1: Status Quo
  - Weekly landing limits for Category A permits can only be applied from June 1- September 30
- Option 2: Status Quo w/no declaration for Category A permits
  - Similar to Status Quo, no change to when weekly landing limits can be applied
  - 45 day notification removed for Category A permits only
- Option 3: Weekly Landing Limits for all vessels throughout all quota periods
  - Applies to all vessels throughout the entire season
  - 45 day notification removed

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