

## **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

October 23, 2020

To: Atlantic Herring Management Board, Technical Committee, Advisory Panel, Interested

**Parties** 

From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director

**RE:** Atlantic Herring Days Out Meeting Scheduled for October 30

Atlantic Herring Management Board members from the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will meet on October 30, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., to consider changes to days out measures for the 2020 Area 1A fishery (inshore Gulf of Maine) in Season 2 (October 1 – December 31). This meeting will be held via webinar. The call and webinar information are included below:

## **Atlantic Herring Days Out Meeting**

October 30, 2020 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199957885">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199957885</a>. If you are new to GoToMeeting, you can download the app ahead of time (click here) and be ready before the meeting starts. For audio, the meeting will be using the computer voice over internet (VoIP), but if you are joining the webinar from your phone only, you can dial in at +1 (571) 317-3122 and enter access code 199-957-885 when prompted. The webinar will start at 8:30 a.m., 30 minutes early, to troubleshoot audio as necessary.

The sub-annual catch limit (ACL) for the 2020 Area 1A fishery in Season 2 was originally set at 914 metric tons. The fishery opened Sunday, October 11 for Maine and Monday, October 12 for New Hampshire and Massachusetts with three consecutive landings days per week. The fishery moved to two consecutive landing days per week in the second week. At the October 16 Days Out meeting, preliminary estimates indicated approximately 445 metric tons of the original Area 1A sub-ACL remained available for harvest; however, NOAA fisheries recently transferred 1,000 metric tons of the Management Uncertainty Buffer to the 2020 Area 1A sub-ACL due to low landings in the Canada weir fishery. The new Area 1A sub-ACL is 4,214 metric tons with an estimated 1,369 metric tons remaining, which accounts for the fact that the Area 1A fishery closes when 92% of the sub-ACL is harvested.

Please contact Max Appelman, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 703.842.0740 or <a href="mappelman@asmfc.org">mappelman@asmfc.org</a> for more information.