



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TMK*

Subject: Atlantic Herring Area 1A Days Out Meeting Scheduled for April 3

Atlantic Herring Management Board members from the states of Maine and New Hampshire, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will meet on April 3, 2019, to discuss days out measures for the 2019 quota periods for the Area 1A fishing season. Days out measures can include specification of the number of consecutive landings days, weekly landings limits, and restrictions on at-sea transfers. This meeting will take place at the Maine Historical Society 489 Congress Street, Portland, ME. The meeting will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Federally-permitted Herring Category A vessels must declare into the Area 1A fishery at least 45 days prior to the start of the fishing season. Small-mesh bottom trawl vessels with a federal Herring Category C or D permit must declare into the Area 1A fishery by June 1, 2019. States will send additional correspondence regarding the notification procedure.

The 2019 Area 1A allowable catch limit (ACL) is 4,354 metric tons based on the results of 2018 benchmark stock assessment. The Board established the following quota system for the 2019 Area 1A ACL: 16.4% allocated for June 1, 40.1% to July–August, 34% to September–October, and 9.5% allocated to November–December. Fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per day harvested from Area 1A until June 1, 2019.

NMFS Final Rule on the Atlantic herring 2019 fishing season sub-ACLs can be obtained at:
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/atlantic-herring-fishery-2019-specifications-and-river-herring-and-shad-catch-caps>

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