



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## **ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY**

Management Area 2 Closure  
Herring catch limited to 2,000 lb per trip/day  
*Effective Date: April 7, 2013*

NMFS announces the closure of the directed fishery for Atlantic herring in Area 2 as of 0001 hours, April 7, 2013. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 2 per trip or calendar day, beginning April 7, 2013, until the start of the next fishing year on January 1, 2014.

Federally permitted dealers may not receive from a vessel more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 2 per trip or calendar day from 0001 hours, April 7, 2013, until the start of the 2014 fishing year on January 1, 2014.

Vessels may transit through Area 2 with more than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring on board, as long as Atlantic herring were not caught in Area 2, and all fishing gear aboard is stowed and not available for immediate use. On January 1, 2014, the quota for Area 2 for the 2014 Atlantic herring fishing year will become available, and the directed fishery will re-open.

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