



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**AREA 1A FISHERY REMAINS OPEN**

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

The closure of the directed Atlantic herring fishery in Management Area 1A has been withdrawn, and the fishery will remain open until further notice.

The closure was to take effect at 0001 hrs local time, August 24, 2007. However, further review of the landings data revealed a number of data entry errors in dealer reports that have substantially reduced the landings figures. Updated figures will be posted on the Northeast Region website when the data has been fully reviewed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

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