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## **Small Entity Compliance Guide for Atlantic Herring Fishery**

Effective 1200 hrs local time, **November 8, 2010**, vessels issued Federal permits for Atlantic herring may not fish for, catch, possess, or land more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring, per trip or calendar day, in or from Area 1A through 2400 hours, December 31, 2010. Vessels may transit Area 1A with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided such herring were not caught in Area 1A, and provided all fishing gear is stowed and not available for immediate use, as required by 50 CFR 648.23(b). This catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, January 1, 2011, at which time the Area 1A total allowable catch (TAC) for the 2011 Atlantic herring fishery will become available.

The regulations at 50 CFR 648.201 require NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to take this action in Area 1A in the Exclusive Economic Zone when the harvest of Atlantic herring is projected to reach 95 percent of the TAC allocated to that area. NMFS has determined, based on best available data, that 95 percent of the 26,546 mt Area 1A TAC is projected to be harvested.

Federally permitted dealers are also advised that effective 1200 hours local time, November 8, 2010, they may not purchase Atlantic herring from federally permitted Atlantic herring vessels that harvest more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of Atlantic herring from Area 1A through 2400 hrs local time, December 31, 2010.

*This small entity compliance guide is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region and complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996.*