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**Atlantic Herring Management Area 3 Open to Directed Fishing**  
*Effective 0001 hours, November 7 through 0001 hours, November 10, 2011*

We have updated herring catch information for Management Area 3, and have decided that enough quota is left to allow us to reopen the area for 3 days of fishing. Therefore, the directed fishery for Atlantic herring in Area 3 will reopen from 0001 hours, November 7 to 0001 hours, November 10, 2011. From 0001 hours, November 7 through 0001 hours, November 10, 2011, federally permitted herring vessels can fish for, possess, and land more than 2,000 lb of herring consistent with their herring permit category.

<b>Herring Permit Type</b>	<b>Permit Category</b>	<b>Trip limit</b>
All Areas Limited Access permit	A	Unlimited
Areas 2 and 3 Limited Access permit	B	Unlimited
Limited Access Incidental permit	C	55,000 lb (25 mt)
Open Access permit	D	6,000 lb (3 mt)

As of 0001 hours, November 10, 2011, vessels will once again be prohibited from fishing for, possessing, or landing more than 2,000 lb per trip or calendar day. Vessels may transit or land Atlantic herring in Area 3 with more than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring on board, as long as Atlantic herring were not caught in Area 3 or 1B, and all fishing gear aboard is stowed and not available for immediate use. On January 1, 2012, the Area 3 quota for the 2012 Atlantic herring fishing year will become available, and the fishery will re-open.

Federally permitted dealers can purchase more than 2,000 lb of herring harvested from Area 3 from 0001 hours, November 7 through 0001 hours, November 10, 2011. As of 0001 hours, November 10, federally permitted dealers will once again be prohibited from purchasing more than 2,000 lb of herring harvested from Area 3 until the start of the 2012 fishing year on January 1, 2012.

*This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.*