



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear Atlantic Herring Permit Holder:

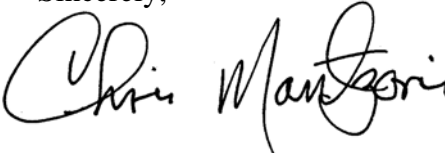
This letter is to advise you that 95 percent of the Atlantic Herring total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to Management Area 1B is projected to be harvested by 0001 hrs local time, December 8, 2006.

Therefore, pursuant to 50 CFR 648.202, effective 0001 hrs local time, December 8, 2006, vessels issued Federal permits for Atlantic herring may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring in or from Area 1B per trip or calendar day through 2400 December 31, 2006; except, vessels may transit or land herring in Area 1B with more than 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) of herring on board, provided such herring were not caught in Area 1B, and provided all fishing gear is stowed and not available for immediate use, as required by § 648.23(b). This catch limit restriction will cease at 0001 hours, January 1, 2007, at which time the Area 1B TAC for the 2007 Atlantic herring fishery will become available.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>; or via fax by providing a fax number through a written request to the above address, or by faxing your request to 978-281-9135.¹

¹*This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.*

Sincerely,


for Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator

