



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Management Area 3 Directed Fishery Closure

Herring catch limited to 2,000 lb per trip or day

Effective Date: 0001 hours on September 23, 2014

NMFS announces the closure of the directed fishery for Atlantic herring in Area 3 as of 0001 hours, September 23, 2014. Vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, catch, possess or land more than 2,000 lb of herring in or from Area 3 per trip or calendar day, beginning at 0001 hr on September 23, 2014, through 2400 hr on December 31, 2014, except that vessels that enter port before 0001 hr on September 23, 2014, may offload and sell, from that trip, more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 3 after the closure.

Federally permitted dealers may not receive more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 3, per trip or calendar day, from 0001 hours, September 23, 2014, through December 31, 2014, unless it is from a trip landed by a vessel that entered port before 0001 hr on September 23, 2014.

During the directed fishery closure, from September 23, 2014, through December 31, 2014, vessels may transit through Area 3 with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided the vessel did not fish for or catch more than 2,000 lb of herring in Area 3 and stows all fishing gear aboard, making it unavailable for immediate use.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.