



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Final 2015 Specifications

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We have approved the final herring specifications for 2015, which account for unharvested catch in 2013. We have included details of the specific adjustments below.

Final Adjusted Herring sub-ACLs for 2015 (mt)

Area 1A	30,585
Area 1B	4,922
Area 2	32,100
Area 3	44,910
Stock-wide	104,566

Herring ACLs, Catch, and Carryover (mt)

	2013 sub-ACLs	2013 Catch	Unharvested Catch	Carryover (maximum 10% of sub-ACL)*	2015 sub-ACLs**	2015 sub-ACLs Adjusted for Carryover
Area 1A	29,775	29,454	321	321	30,264	30,585
Area 1B	4,600	2,459	2,141	460	4,462	4,922
Area 2	30,000	26,562	3,438	3,000	29,100	32,100
Area 3	42,000	37,290	4,170	4,170	40,740	44,910
Stock-wide	106,375	95,764	10,611	NA	104,566	104,566***

* Maximum allowable carryover is 10% of the initial sub-ACLs: Area 1A, 31,200 mt; Area 1B, 4,600 mt; Area 2, 30,000 mt; and Area 3, 42,000 mt.

** 2015 sub-ACLs include a reduction for Research Set-Aside (RSA).

*** The sum of the 2015 adjusted sub-ACLs does not equal the stock-wide ACL of 104,566 (as adjusted for RSA) because the stock-wide ACL cannot be increased by carryover.

For More Information on Herring Catch and Catch Limits:

We track herring catch against herring catch limits and post that information weekly on the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office website (<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/>) under “Quotas, Landings.” Please visit this webpage during the fishing year to check how much herring catch is available in a particular management area.

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