



# Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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## **ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY**

Management Area 1A Sub-ACL Harvested  
Herring catch limited to 2,000 lb per trip/day  
*Effective date: 1200 hr-Noon, November 2, 2015*

As of November 2, 2015, 1200 hr-noon, vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land, or sell more than 2,000 lb of herring in or from Area 1A per trip or calendar day, beginning November 2, 2015, through December 31, 2015, except that vessels that have entered port before 1200 hr-noon on November 2, 2015, may land and sell, from that trip, more than 2,000 lb of herring from Area 1A.

Please note that due to state landing restrictions, all herring vessels must land in accordance with state regulations, including no landing days (currently Thursday through Sunday).

Federally permitted dealers may not receive more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from Area 1A, per trip or calendar day, from 1200 hr-noon on November 2, 2015, through December 31, 2015, unless it is from a trip by a vessel that entered port before 1200 hr-noon on November 2, 2015, and catch is landed in accordance with state regulations.

During the closure, from November 2, 2015, through December 31, 2015, vessels may transit through Area 1A with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided all herring onboard was caught outside Area 1A and all fishing gear is stowed and not available for immediate use.

As a reminder, vessels may not fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land, or sell herring from Area 1A from January 1, 2016, through May 31, 2016, and federally permitted dealers may not receive any herring from a vessel that harvested fish from Area 1A between January 1, 2016, and May 31, 2016.

Vessels participating in the Herring Research Set-Aside (RSA) program may continue to fish in Area 1A for the remainder of the fishing year, and land, subject to state landing restrictions, greater than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring provided they are on a declared herring RSA trip. In addition, federally permitted dealers may receive greater than 2,000 lb of Atlantic herring from Area 1A provided the vessel is participating in the herring RSA program and on a declared herring RSA trip.

*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.*