



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY

Georges Bank Haddock Catch Cap Harvested
Herring catch limited to 2,000 lb per trip/day
Effective Date: October 22, 2015

NMFS announces that as of 0001 hours, October 22, 2015, vessels issued Federal Atlantic herring permits may not fish for, possess, transfer, receive, land, or sell more than 2,000 lb of herring from the Herring Georges Bank (GB) Haddock Accountability Measure (AM) Area per trip or calendar day, beginning October 22, 2015, until May 1, 2016, except vessels that have entered port before 0001 hr on October 22, 2015, may land and sell, from that trip, more than 2,000 lb of herring from the Herring GB Haddock AM Area. Additionally, the haddock possession limit is reduced to 0 lb in the Herring GB Haddock AM Area for federally permitted Atlantic herring vessels fishing with midwater trawl gear. Vessels issued an All Areas or Areas 2 and Area 3 Limited Access herring permit on a declared herring trip, regardless of gear used, cannot possess haddock in the Herring GB Haddock AM Area unless fishing on a declared Northeast (NE) multispecies trip with a NE multispecies permit.

Federally permitted dealers may not receive from a vessel more than 2,000 lb of herring per vessel harvested from the Herring GB Haddock AM Area, per trip or calendar day, from 0001 hours, October 22, 2015, until May 1, 2016, unless it is from a vessel that entered port before 0001 hr on October 22, 2015.

During the closure, vessels may transit through the Herring GB Haddock AM Area with more than 2,000 lb of herring on board, provided all herring onboard was caught outside the Herring GB Haddock AM Area and all fishing gear is stowed and not available for immediate use. On May 1, 2016, the 2016 haddock fishing year will start and incidental haddock allocation will become available to the herring fishery, and the directed herring fishery will re-open in the Herring GB Haddock AM Area.

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.

Herring Haddock Accountability Measure (AM) Areas

