

# Atlantic Herring Weekly Report

Report Run on: 2/28/2013

For data reported through: 2/27/2013

Quota period: 01/01/2013 to 12/31/2013

Management Area	Current Week's Catch (mt) <sup>1</sup>	Reporting Week's Catch (mt) <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative Catch (mt)	Quota (mt) <sup>3</sup>	Percent of Quota <sup>4</sup>
1A	0	0	0	4,705	0%
1B	61	0	1,521	4,362	35%
2	758	765	13,704	22,146	62%
3	0	0	3,215	38,146	8%
Total	819	765	18,439	69,359	27%

<sup>1</sup>Herring catch reported for week ending 2/23/2013

<sup>2</sup>Herring catch reported for week ending 3/2/2013

<sup>3</sup>Area 1A quota excludes 295 mt set-aside for fixed gear fisheries west of Cutler, ME until November 1, 2013 .

As of the date this report was compiled, the New Brunswick weir fishery has not reported any landings for FY2013.

<sup>4</sup>Area 1A percent of quota includes current ME state only vessel herring landings

## **Notice**

On January 1, 2013, the 2013 Atlantic herring fishery opened with the 2012 specifications in place.

NOAA Fisheries proposed a quota reduction of 1,425 mt in Area 1A in 2013, to account for 2011 catch overages through a proposed rule published on November 13, 2013. The comment period closed on December 13, 2012. We will publish a final rule setting the 2013 Area 1A quota in the near future. Herring fishery participants will be notified of the 2013 quota change in Area 1A via VMS, radio message, and permit holder letter. If you have questions, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.

The Atlantic herring fishery is monitored using data provided by herring-permitted vessels (VMS catch reports and VTRs) and Federal/state dealer data. VMS catch reports will be used to verify and determine catch when VTR and/or dealer records are unavailable, but VTR and dealer reports, once received, will determine final catch by area.

Catch reporting requirements are as follows: Limited access herring vessels report catch daily via VMS, open access herring vessels report catch weekly via the IVR system, and all herring-permitted vessels submit VTRs weekly. Failure to submit reports, including the requirement to submit a negative VTR for any week when no catch was made, has resulted in vessels being referred to the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement for investigation.

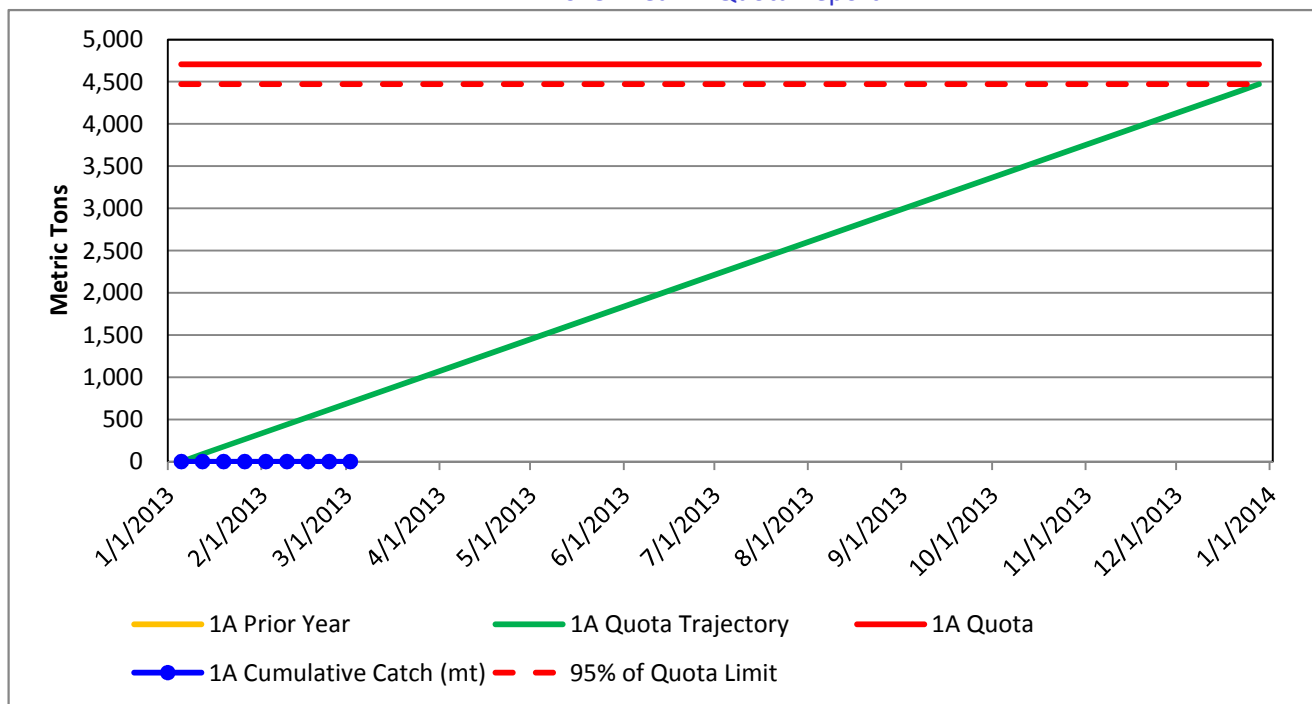
For questions regarding Atlantic herring management, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315. For guidance on the most recent notification and reporting requirements please [click here](#).



These data are the best available to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) when this report was compiled. Data for this report are supplied to NMFS from vessels via the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), the Vessel Trip Report System (VTR), and the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program. Data may be preliminary. Discrepancies with previous reports are due to corrections made to the database.

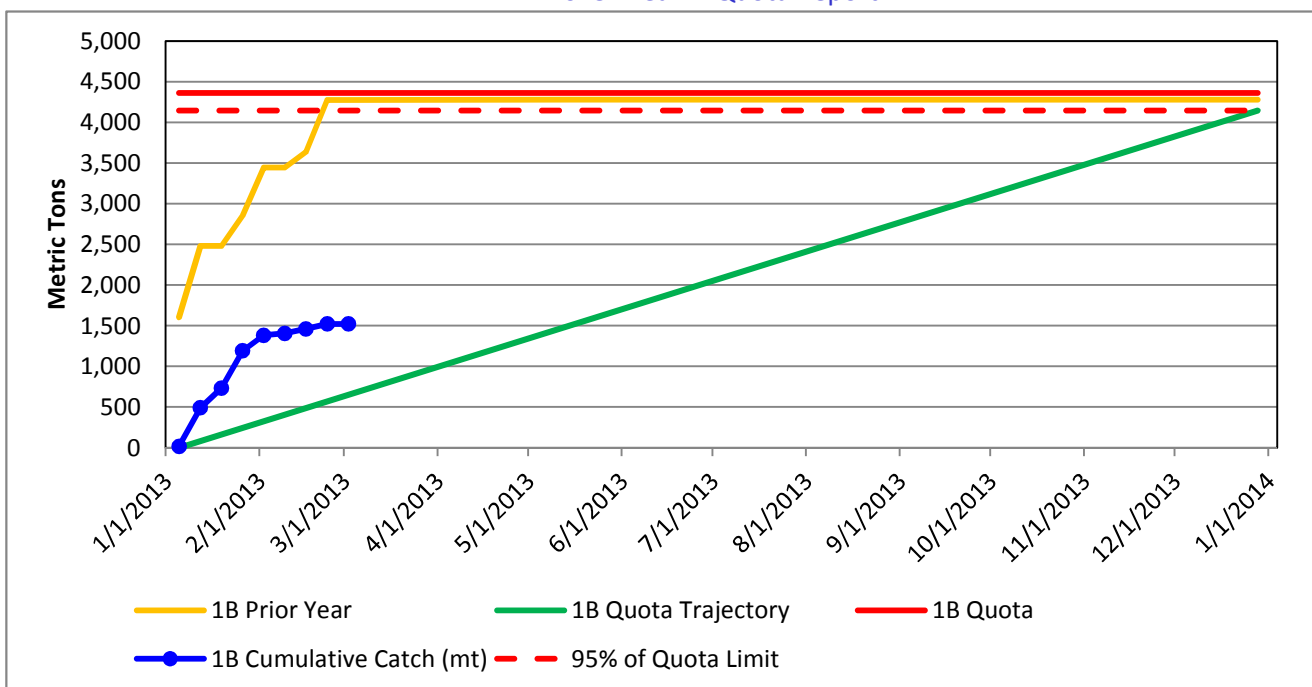
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### 2013 Area 1A Quota Report



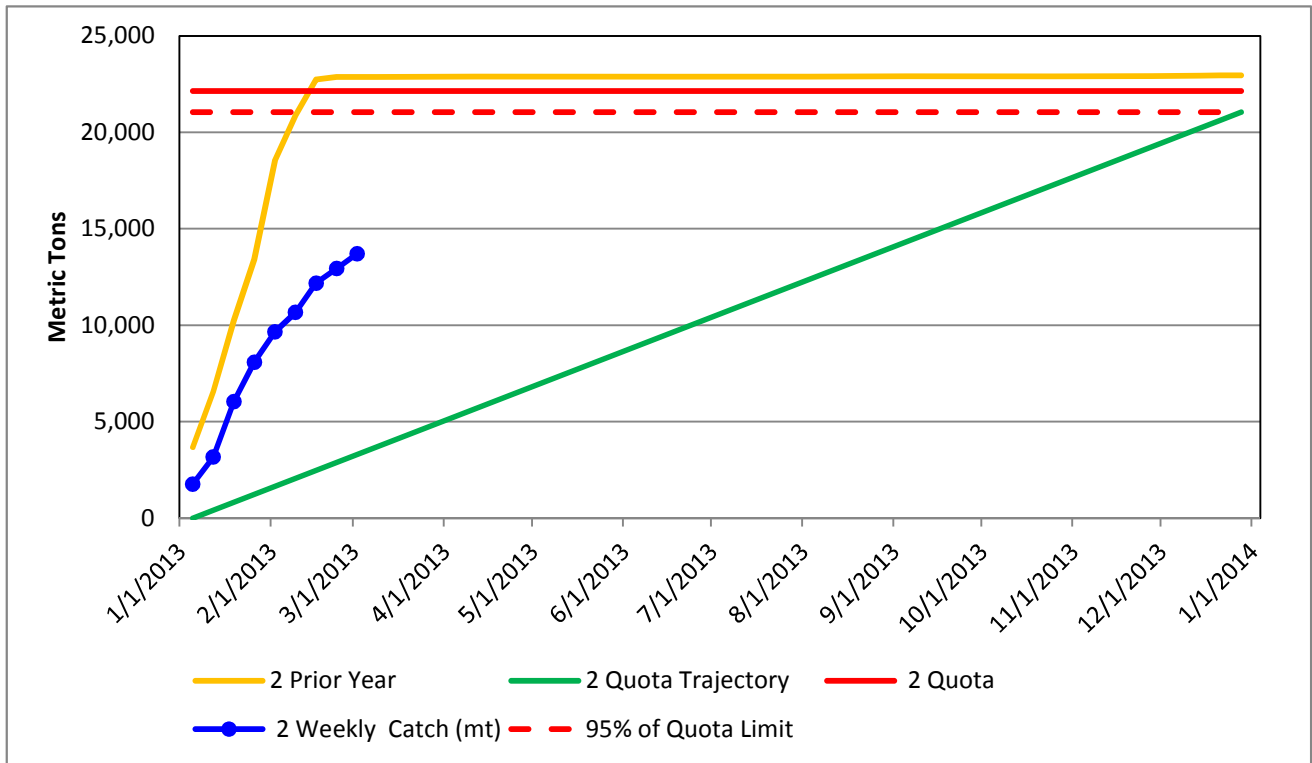
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### 2013 Area 1B Quota Report



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### 2013 Area 2 Quota Report



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### 2013 Area 3 Quota Report

