



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Atlantic Herring Management Board, Atlantic Herring Technical Committee, Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel, Interested Parties

**FROM:** Toni Kerns, Fisheries Policy Director *TK*

**DATE:** September 20, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery Season 2 Days Out Measures

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts met September 19 via webinar to set effort control measures for the 2024 Area 1A fishery for Season 2 (October 1 – December 31). The Season 2 quota is approximately 1,259 metric tons (mt), which is 27.2% of the Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) after adjusting for the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, a slight overage from Season 1, and an 8% buffer (since Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL). This does not take into account the possible reallocation of 1,000 mt to the Area 1A sub-ACL based on catch information from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery.

The days out measures for Season 2 are as follows:

- Landing days will be set at zero (0) from October 1 through October 9.
- The fishery will move to two (2) landing days from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 10 to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 11.
- The fishery will move to zero (0) landing days from October 12 through November 4.
- The fishery will move to four (4) consecutive landing days per week starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL is caught. Landing days are Tuesdays from 12:01 a.m. through Fridays at 11:59 p.m., weekly.

The fishery will only move to four (4) landing days on November 5 at 12:01 a.m. if there is remaining Season 2 quota at that time. Quota availability will depend on how much is landed from October 10-11 and if the 1,000 mt reallocation from the Canadian weir fishery to the Area 1A sub-ACL occurs.

While landing days are set at zero (0), harvesters are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A during Season 2. Fishing for and possession of Atlantic herring may begin prior to landing days during Season 2, outside of the spawning closures.

For more information, please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [efranke@asmfc.org](mailto:efranke@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

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**Days Out Meeting Motions (September 19, 2024)**

**Move to set the following schedule for Area 1A landing days in Season 2:**

- **Zero landing days from October 1- 9;**
- **Two landing days from 12:01am Thursday, October 10, to 11:59pm Friday, October 11;**
- **Zero landing days from October 12 – November 4;**
- **Starting on Tuesday, November 5 at 12:01am, move to four landing days per week until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL is caught. Landing days will be four days a week, Tuesday – Friday.**

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion passed by unanimous consent.