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## Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan Effort Reduction and Spawning Closure Provisions

One of the provisions of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan addresses the need to control effort in the fishery to prevent exceeding the total allowable catch for each management area and to prevent the early closure of a management area. Management Area 1A is of particular concern because in recent years the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) has been harvested before peak market demands abate in the autumn. Effort controls to extend the fishery may be implemented by states involved in the herring fishery through landing restrictions.

In accordance with Fis 603.07, the State of New Hampshire is implementing the following provision:

### NH Landing Restrictions:

**Effective Saturday, October 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. through October 9, 2024 at 12:00 a.m., commercial harvesters will be prohibited from landing Atlantic herring taken from Management Area 1A.**

**Effective Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. through Friday, October 11, 2024 at 12:00 a.m., commercial harvesters will be permitted to land Atlantic herring taken from Management Area 1A.**

**Effective Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 12:01 a.m., commercial harvesters will be prohibited from landing Atlantic herring taken from Management Area 1A. These restrictions shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m. on November 4, 2024.**

**Effective Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 12:01 a.m., commercial harvesters will be permitted to land Atlantic herring taken from Management Area 1A on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. These restrictions shall remain in effect until 11:59 a.m. until 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL is caught or until further amended.**

### Exemptions:

**Any vessel may land Atlantic herring taken as an incidental catch in the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning area or in Management Area 1A, up to a maximum of 2,000 pounds. Any person, firm or organization properly permitted may land herring from areas not under spawning closures provided they are equipped with a functional vessel monitoring system.**

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