



# Quota Periods for the Area 1A Fishery



Atlantic Herring Management Board

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# Outline



- Review 2021-2023 specifications
- Review Amendment 3 quota period systems
- **Board action for consideration today:  
Set quota periods for the 2022 Area 1A fishery**
- Summary of postponed Draft Addendum III





# **2021-2023 SPECIFICATIONS AND QUOTA PERIODS**

# 2021-2023 Specifications



- **February 2021:** Board approved Atlantic herring specifications for 2021-2023 contingent on a final rule for Framework 8 being published by NOAA Fisheries
- **March 2021:** NOAA Fisheries filed interim final rule to implement Framework 8, with one change regarding the research set-aside (RSA) for 2021
  - No RSA for 2021
- **April 2021:** Board approved the change for the 2021 RSA from 3 to 0 percent of sub-ACLs



# 2021-2023 Specifications (mt)



Specification	2021	2022	2023
<b>Annual Catch Limit (ACL)</b>	4,814	4,098	4,098
<b>Domestic Annual Harvest</b>	4,814	4,098	4,098
<b>Border Transfer</b>	0	0	0
<b>Area 1A Sub-ACL</b>	<b>1,391*</b>	<b>1,184*</b>	<b>1,184*</b>
<b>Area 1B Sub-ACL</b>	207	176	176
<b>Area 2 Sub-ACL</b>	1,338	1,139	1,139
<b>Area 3 Sub-ACL</b>	1,877	1,598	1,598
<b>Fixed Gear Set-Aside</b>	30	30	30
<b>Research Set-Aside as % of Sub-ACLs</b>	0%	0%	0%

\*If the New Brunswick weir fishery catch through October 1 is less than the associated “trigger”, then 1,000 mt of the management uncertainty buffer will be added to the Area 1A sub-ACL



# Area 1A Quota Periods



- Per Amendment 3, quota periods shall be determined annually for Area 1A
- The Board can consider distributing the Area 1A sub-ACL to meet the needs of the fishery using quota periods:
  - Bi-monthly
  - Trimester
  - Seasonal
- The Board can also decide whether quota from January 1 – May 31 will be allocated to later in the fishing season
- Underages may be rolled from one period to the next within the same year



# Area 1A Quota Periods



Bi-Monthly Quotas								
January – December			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with June as a one-month period)			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with December as a one-month period)		
Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%
1	Jan/Feb	1.5%	1	June	16.4%	1	June/July	36.8%
2	Mar/Apr	2.3%	2	July/Aug	40.1%	2	Aug/Sep	36.0%
3	May/June	24.0%	3	Sep/Oct	34.0%	3	Oct/Nov	27.1%
4	July/Aug	34.6%	4	Nov/Dec	9.5%	4	Dec	0.2%
5	Sep/Oct	29.4%	<i>2019</i>					
6	Nov/Dec	8.2%						

Trimesters			Seasonal Quotas					
January – December			January - December			No Landings Prior to June 1		
Trimester	Months	%	Season	Months	%	Season	Season	%
1	Jan - May	13.7%	1	Jan - Sep	76.5%	1	Jun - Sep	72.8%
2	Jun - Sept	62.8%	2	Oct - Dec	23.5%	2	Oct - Dec	27.2%
3	Oct - Dec	23.5%	<i>2020, 2021</i>					

*\*These allocation %'s are fixed and can only be changed through an addendum.*



# Board Consideration Today



- **Set quota periods for the 2022 Area 1A fishery**
  - Bi-monthly
  - Trimester
  - Seasonal

*The 2022 sub-ACL for Area 1A is 1,184 metric tons.*





# **POSTPONED DRAFT ADDENDUM III**

# Postponed Draft Addendum III



- In October 2019, the Board initiated Draft Addendum III to consider new approaches for managing the Area 1A fishery under low quota scenarios
- The Board specified the draft addendum should include an option which allocates 100% of the Area 1A quota to the months of June-December
- The Board specified the draft addendum should also consider expanding days out provisions across different permit categories



# Postponed Draft Addendum III



- **October 2019:** Board initiated Draft Addendum III
- **November 2019-January 2020:** PDT developed Draft Addendum III
- **February 2020:** Board approved Draft Addendum III for public comment
- **February-March 2020:** Public Comment Period
- **May 2020:** Board postponed final action on Draft Addendum III until a final rule for the Council's Amendment 8 is published and until the Council and Commission can meet to discuss coordination of Atlantic herring management

# Postponed Draft Add. III: Quota Management



- Option 1: Status Quo – bi-monthly/trimester/seasonal
- Option 2: Alternate Seasonal Allocation
  - January 1-May 31: 0%
  - June 1- December 31: 100%
- Option 3: Alternate Trimester Allocation
  - January 1-May 31: 0%
  - June 1- August 31: 80%
  - September 1- December 31: 20%
- Both options 2 and 3 could both be added to the suite of quota options the Board annually chooses from



- Option 1: Status Quo
  - Only Category A permits subject to landing days and weekly landing limits
- Option 2: Days Out of the Fishery for Vessels with Category A or C Permits
  - Category C permits could be subject to landing days and weekly landing limits
  - Intended to address those Category C permits not accounted for through the Small Mesh Bottom Trawl Program
  - Increase weekly landing limit provision to up to 99.9% of vessels

# Postponed Draft Add. III: Weekly Landing Limit



- Option 1: Status Quo
  - Weekly landing limits for Category A permits can only be applied from June 1- September 30
- Option 2: Status Quo w/no declaration for Category A permits
  - Similar to Status Quo, no change to when weekly landing limits can be applied
  - 45 day notification removed for Category A permits only
- Option 3: Weekly Landing Limits for all vessels throughout all quota periods
  - Applies to all vessels throughout the entire season
  - 45 day notification removed

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