




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 

DATE: October 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Zero Landing Days Continue for Season 2 of the 2025 Atlantic Herring Area 1A Fishery

This is an update on Season 2 (October 1 – December 31) of the 2025 Area 1A fishery for Atlantic herring. In September 2025 ([Memorandum 25-81](#)), the Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts decided the fishery would be set at zero landing days from October 1 through November 4 and would only open for landing days on November 5 if one or both of the following quota adjustments occur: reallocation of 1,000 metric tons based on landings from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery and/or revised quotas implemented by NOAA Fisheries. Due to the lapse in federal government appropriations, neither of the above quota adjustments has been processed by NOAA Fisheries.

As a result, the Area 1A fishery remains at zero landing days for the foreseeable future. The fishery will not open in early November.

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. If additional quota becomes available, a days out call will be scheduled.

Please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org, or 703.842.0740 for more information.