



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 *TKM*

DATE: December 15, 2025

SUBJECT: December Update on 2025 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 December 15 via webinar to set effort control measures for the 2025 Area 1A fishery for Season 2 (October 1 – December 31) following an increase in available quota for Area 1A. The 2025 Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (sub-ACL) is now 2,317 metric tons due to implementation of the new 2025-2027 specifications package.

After accounting for the fixed gear set-aside, 2025 landings so far from Area 1A, and the 8% buffer (Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL), **there are an estimated 289 metric tons available for harvest.**

Currently, the Area 1A fishery is at zero landing days. The Area 1A days out measures moving forward for Season 2 are as follows:

- Landing days will continue to be set at zero (0) through Monday, December 22.
- The fishery will move to one (1) landing day starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23.
- The fishery will move to zero (0) landing days when 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL has been caught or at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, whichever comes first. The fishery will remain at zero (0) landing days through the end of 2025.

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. Fishing for and possession of Atlantic herring may begin prior to landing days during Season 2.

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

Days Out Meeting Motions (December 15, 2025)

Main Motion

M25-110

Move to set the following schedule for Area 1A Season 2:

- **Set zero landing days through Sunday, December 21**
- **Starting 12:01AM on Monday, December 22, move to one landing day**
- **Move to zero landing days when 92% of the Area 1A sub-ACL has been caught or at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23, whichever comes first, through the end of 2025.**

Motion by Ms. Ware, second by Ms. Griffin.

Motion to Amend

Move to amend to set the landing day to Tuesday, December 23.

Motion by Mr. Abbott, second by Ms. Ware. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Main Motion as Amended

Move to set the following schedule for Area 1A Season 2:

- **Set zero landing days through Monday, December 22**
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