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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 Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm commercial harvesters are prohibited from landing Atlantic herring taken from Management Area 1A on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The restriction applies from 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays to 6 p.m. on Sundays. These restrictions shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2022.

The restrictions shall remain in effect until 92% of the Total Allowable Catch in Area 1A is projected to be exceeded, or until further amended.

Exemptions:

Any vessel may land Atlantic herring taken as an incidental catch in Management Area 1A, up to a maximum of 2,000 pounds.

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