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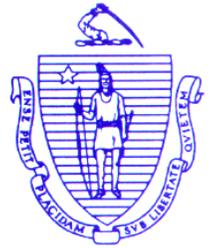
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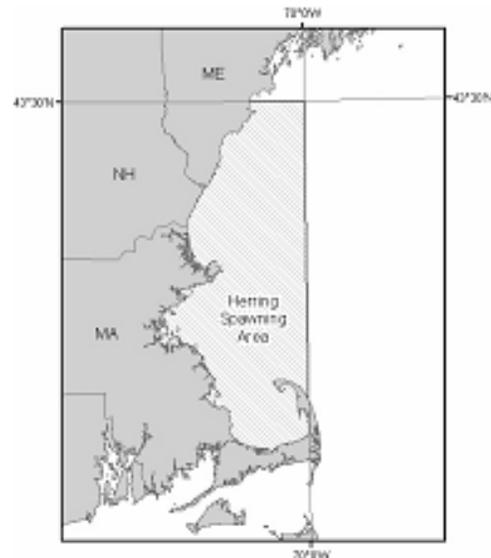
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

### **ATLANTIC SEA HERRING SPAWNING CLOSURE: SEPTEMBER 21—OCTOBER 18**

Sampling of commercial sea herring landings—conducted cooperatively by the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts—has indicated that the default closure of the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Atlantic Sea Herring Spawning Area will take effect as scheduled ([Closure Notice](#)). Beginning at 0001 hours on Monday, September 21, 2015 and continuing through 2400 hours on Sunday, October 18, 2015, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fishing vessel to possess or land in excess of 2,000 pounds of sea herring taken from the Spawning Area. The Director may extend this closure beyond October 18, 2015 if commercial fishery samples indicate that sea herring landings consist of more than 25% spawning herring.

Spawning Area Boundaries: Begin at the intersection of 43°30' N latitude and the Maine coast, then in a SW direction along the coast to the intersection of 70°00' W longitude with the Cape Cod shoreline, then north along 70°00' W to its intersection with 43°30' N latitude, then along the 43°30' N line back to the coast.



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