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Subject: Atlantic Herring Area 1A Days Out Meeting Scheduled for September 21, 2026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

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Atlantic Herring Area 1A Days Out Meeting Scheduled for September 21, 2026

Atlantic Herring Management Board members from the states of Maine, New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will meet via webinar on September 21, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to discuss Season 2 (October 1 – December 31) days out measures for the 2026 Area 1A fishery (inshore Gulf of Maine). Days out measures include consecutive landings days for Season 2. The webinar and call information is included below:

Atlantic Herring Days Out Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will use the [RingCentral meeting platform](#). You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/475517003>. If you are new to RingCentral, you can download the app ahead of time ([click here](#)) or you can join from a web browser. **For audio, the meeting will be using the computer voice over internet (VoIP)**, but if you are joining the webinar from your phone only, you can dial in at **650.419.1505** and enter access code **475-517-003** when prompted. The webinar will start at 10:45 a.m., 15 minutes early, to troubleshoot audio as necessary.

The 2026 Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (sub-ACL) is 2,401 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL. This does not take into account the possible reallocation of 1,000 mt to the Area 1A sub-ACL based on catch information from the Canadian New Brunswick weir fishery.

As of this week, Area 1A landings are estimated to be 203 mt. Days out measures for Season 1 (through September 30) are currently in place as specified in the [April 2026 press release](#). Season 1 landings will be closely monitored and the fishery will be adjusted to zero landing days if the Season 1 quota of 1,748 mt is projected to be reached by September 30. Days out measures for October 1 through December 31 will be posted via press release following the webinar on September 21.

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

The meeting announcement can also be found at <https://asmfc.org/events/atlantic-herring-area-1a-days-out-meeting-9-21-26/>

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Subject: Atlantic Herring Eastern Maine Spawning Closure in Effect Starting August 28, 2026 through October 8, 2026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, AUGUST 21, 2026

PRESS CONTACT, TINA BERGER, 70.842.0749

Atlantic Herring Eastern Maine Spawning Closure in Effect Starting August 28, 2026 through October 8, 2026

The Atlantic herring Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery regulations include seasonal spawning closures for portions of state and federal waters in Eastern Maine, Western Maine and Massachusetts/New Hampshire. The Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board approved a forecasting method that relies upon at least three samples, each containing at least 25 female herring in gonadal stages III-V, to trigger a spawning closure. However, if sufficient samples are not available then closures will begin on predetermined dates.

There are currently no samples from the Eastern Maine spawning area to determine spawning condition. Therefore, per the Addendum II default closure dates, the Eastern Maine spawning area will be closed starting at 12:01 a.m. on August 28, 2026 extending through 11:59 p.m. on October 8, 2026. The Eastern Maine spawning area includes all waters bounded by the following coordinates:

Maine coast 68° 20' W

43° 48' N 68° 20' W

44° 25' N 67° 03' W

North along the US/Canada border

Vessels in the directed Atlantic herring fishery cannot take, land or possess Atlantic herring caught within the Eastern Maine spawning area during this time. The incidental bycatch allowance of up to 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip per day applies to vessels in non-directed fisheries that are fishing within the Eastern Maine spawning area. In addition, all vessels traveling through the Eastern Maine spawning area must have all seine and mid-water trawl gear stowed.

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

The press release can also be found at <https://asmfc.org/news/press-releases/atlantic-herring-eastern-maine-spawning-closure-in-effect-starting-august-28-2026-through-october-8-2026/>

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