



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERY 2018 Specifications Adjustment *Effective Date: February 14, 2018*

We have adjusted the herring specifications for 2018 to account for the carryover and overharvest of catch from 2016. Adjusted 2018 annual catch limits (ACLs) are;

2018 sub-ACLs, Adjusted for Catch in 2016

Management Area	2018 Catch Limit (mt)
Area 1A	31,962
Area 1B	3,649
Area 2	31,137
Area 3	43,853
Stock-wide	100,969*

* The stockwide ACL cannot be increased by carryover, so it does not equal the sum of the four area's catch limits.

We have provided the details and explanation of the adjustment in a table on the back of this letter.

For More Information on Herring Catch and Catch Limits:

We track herring catch against herring catch limits and post that information weekly on the [Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office website](#) under “Quotas, Landings.” Please visit this webpage during the fishing year to check how much herring catch is available in a particular management area.

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Explanation of Herring sub-ACLs, Catch, and Carryover (mt) for 2018

	Area 1A	Area 1B	Area 2	Area 3	Stockwide
(a) We start with the 2018 sub-ACLs, including the Research Set-Aside (RSA) ...	30,300	4,500	29,100	40,900	104,800
(b) Then subtract the 2018 RSA (3 percent of sub-ACL)...	909	135	873	1,227	3,144
(c) And here are the 2018 sub-ACLs minus RSA...	29,391	4,365	28,227	39,673	101,656
(d) To calculate the 2018 adjusted sub-ACLs, we start with the 2106 adjusted sub-ACLs...	30,397	2,941	32,100	43,832	101,656*
(e) And subtract the final 2016 Catch...	27,826	3,657	13,456	18,580	63,519
(f) And here are the catch underages and overages from 2016...	2,571	-716	18,644	25,252	45,751
(g) Underages up to 10% of the 2016 sub-ACLs* can be carryover in 2018... these are those values...	2,571	NA	2,910	4,090	NA
(h) We then added the 2016 carryover (row g) to the 2018 sub-ACLs minus RSA (row c) and here are the adjusted sub-ACLs for 2018...	31,962	3,649	31,137	43,853	100,969**

* Maximum carryover is based on 10 percent of the 2016 sub-ACLs: Area 1A=30,300 mt; Area 1B=4,500 mt; Area 2=29,100 mt; and Area 3=40,900 mt.

** The stockwide ACL cannot be increased by carryover. The 2018 adjusted stock-wide ACL is decreased by the Area 1B overage.