

## § 648.1

- 648.291 Closures.
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- 648.293 Framework specifications.
- 648.294 Gear restrictions.

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 648.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) This part implements the fishery management plans (FMPs) for the Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish fisheries (Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP); Atlantic salmon (Atlantic Salmon FMP); the Atlantic sea scallop fishery (Scallop FMP); the Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries (Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog FMP); the Northeast multispecies fishery (Multispecies FMP); the monkfish fishery (Monkfish FMP); the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries (Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP); the Atlantic bluefish fishery (Atlantic Bluefish FMP); the spiny dogfish fishery (Spiny Dogfish FMP); the Atlantic herring fishery (Atlantic Herring FMP); and the tilefish fishery (Tilefish FMP). These FMPs and the regulations in this part govern the conservation and management of the above named fisheries of the Northeastern United States.

(b) This part governs domestic fishing only. Foreign fishing is governed under subpart F of part 600 of this chapter.

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#### § 648.2 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson Act and in § 600.10 of this chapter, the terms used in this part have the following meanings:

*Alewife* means *Alosa pseudoharengus*.

*American lobster* or *lobster* means *Homarus americanus*.

*American shad* means *Alosa sapidissima*.

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*Atlantic butterfish* or *butterfish* means *Peprilus triacanthus*.

*Atlantic croaker* means *Micropogonias undulatus*.

*Atlantic herring* means *Clupea harengus*.

*Atlantic herring carrier* means a fishing vessel with an Atlantic herring permit that does not have any gear on board capable of catching or processing herring and that has on board a letter of authorization from the Regional Administrator to transport herring caught by another fishing vessel.

*Atlantic herring dealer* means:

(1) Any person who purchases or receives for a commercial purpose other than solely for transport or pumping operations any herring from a vessel issued a Federal Atlantic herring permit, whether offloaded directly from the vessel or from a shore-based pump, for any purpose other than for the purchaser's own use as bait; or

(2) Any person owning or operating a processing vessel that receives any Atlantic herring from a vessel issued a Federal Atlantic herring permit whether at sea or in port.

*Atlantic herring processor* means a person who receives unprocessed Atlantic herring from a fishing vessel issued a Federal Atlantic herring permit or from an Atlantic herring dealer for the purposes of processing; or the owner or operator of a fishing vessel that processes Atlantic herring; or an Atlantic herring dealer who purchases Atlantic herring from a fishing vessel with a Federal Atlantic herring permit for resale as bait.

*Atlantic mackerel* or *mackerel* means *Scomber scombrus*.

*Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee* means the committee made up of staff representatives of the MAFMC and the NEFMC, and the Northeast Regional Office and NEFSC of NMFS. The MAFMC Executive Director or a designee chairs the Committee.

*Atlantic salmon* means *Salmo salar*.

*Atlantic sea scallop* or *scallop* means *Placopecten magellanicus*, throughout its range.

*Beam trawl* means gear, consisting of a twine bag attached to a beam attached to a towing wire, designed so that the beam does not contact the