

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Herring Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### **A. Meetings:**

- The Herring Committee met on March 24, 2009 to continue work on the development of Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP, specifically to review the proposed ACL/AM process and discuss issues related to the development of a catch monitoring program for the herring fishery.
- The Committee is planning to meet again in late April 2009. The SSC, Herring Advisory Panel, and Enforcement Committee will likely meet in late April/May 2009 to provide recommendations related to the measures proposed in Amendment 4.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Review progress on Amendment 4
- B. Review/discuss information related to groundfish bycatch (particularly haddock) by herring vessels in Closed Area I

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Draft Amendment 4 Discussion Document (dated March 25, 2009)
2. March 23, 2009 Memo Re. Dockside Monitoring Programs
3. Correspondence Received for March 24, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting
4. Information Re. Haddock Bycatch in Closed Area I
5. Additional Correspondence
6. March 24, 2009 Draft Herring Committee Meeting Summary (to be distributed at Council meeting)