

PROJECT #:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP**

SUPPORTS COUNCIL PRIORITY #: High

GOAL: Develop Herring Amendments 5 to address catch monitoring, river herring bycatch, criteria for midwater trawl access to groundfish closed areas, spawning protection, and interactions with the Atlantic mackerel fishery

MILESTONES	PLANNED
1. Committee meets to draft objectives and identify issues for inclusion in scoping document	MAR 2008
2. AMENDMENT 4 SCOPING	APR-JUNE 2008
3. Advisors and Herring Committee meet to review scoping comments and develop a range of alternatives for analysis in Amendment 4 (work with PDT)	JUNE 2008 – FEB 2009
4. Council reviews progress on development of Amendment 4 alternatives, provides guidance/recommendations on priorities	FEB 2009
5. Herring Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT continue work on Amendment 4 alternatives – ACL/AM provisions are priority, followed by catch monitoring	FEB-JUNE 2009
6. Council splits Amendment 4 into two actions: Amendment 4 (ACLs/AMs) and Amendment 5 (catch monitoring, river herring bycatch, access to groundfish closed areas, interactions with mackerel fishery)	JUNE 2009
7. TRAC Stock Assessment for Atlantic Herring	JUNE 2009
8. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT review stock assessment results and begin to draft options for ACLs and 2010-2012 fishery specifications	JULY-NOV 2009
9. Council selects final 2010-2012 fishery specifications and identifies additional issue to address in Amendment 5 – spawning protection	NOV 2009
10. Council selects final measures for Amendment 4 (ACLs/AMs)	JAN 2010
11. Herring Committee, PDT, and Advisory Panel continue development of alternatives for Amendment 5	FEB – SEPT 2010
12. Council approves Amendment 5 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	SEPT 2010
13. Council approves Draft Amendment 5/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	JAN 2011
14. Herring Amendment 5 Public Hearings	FEB/MAR- APR/MAY 2011
15. Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment 5 measures	APRIL OR JUNE 2011
16. Staff submits Amendment 5	JUNE OR AUGUST 2011
17. Amendment 5 Implementation	ASAP 2012 FY