

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- Since the October 2008 Council meeting, the Herring Committee and the Herring PDT have held meetings to work on the development of management measures for Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP. Meeting summaries and related documents are included in the binder.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

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- Review and discussion of Herring Committee work regarding the development of management alternatives in Amendment 4; approval of related recommendations as appropriate

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Amendment 4 Discussion Document (dated January 23, 2009)
2. Stakeholder Proposals for Catch Monitoring in Amendment 4 – Received December 2008
- 2a. Stakeholder Proposals for Catch Monitoring in Amendment 4 – Received January 2009
3. December 16, 2008 Herring Committee Meeting Summary
4. Correspondence Received regarding Midwater Trawling for Herring in Groundfish Closed Areas
5. Correspondence with NMFS regarding Midwater Trawl Access to Closed Areas
6. Correspondence Received regarding Herring Bycatch 12/08-1/09
7. Additional Correspondence
8. Amendment 4 Draft Timeline (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)
9. Draft January 28, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)
10. Presentation Slides – Summary of Progress on Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)