

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Committee met on November 30 and December 20, 2010 (joint with the Herring Advisory Panel) to continue work on the development of management alternatives for consideration in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (measures to establish a catch monitoring program, measures to address river herring bycatch, criteria for access to groundfish closed areas, measures to address interactions with the mackerel fishery, and measures to protect spawning fish).
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) conducted conference calls, continued work, and met on December 2, 2010 to work on analyses to support the development of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 5.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. **Council Action:** Approval of management measures/alternatives for further development in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 5

III. INFORMATION

1. Amendment 5 Draft Discussion Document (dated for January 25-27, 2011 NEFMC Meeting)
2. Amendment 5 Decision Outline/Matrix (to be distributed prior to/at Council meeting)
3. Memo (January 11, 2011): Summary of Herring Committee Motions Pertaining to Amendment 5 Development
4. Herring Committee Meeting Summaries (September 2010 – present)
5. Herring Advisory Panel Reports (May 2009 and August 2010)
6. Herring PDT Reports (May 2009 – present)
7. NMFS/MAMFC/ASMFC Correspondence Packet
8. Other Correspondence
9. Draft Memo (July 22, 2010): Costs Associated with Catch Monitoring in the Atlantic Herring Fishery – Preliminary
10. Draft Herring PDT Discussion Paper: *Developing River Herring Catch Cap Options in the Directed Atlantic Herring Fishery* (December 2010)

11. Draft Herring PDT Discussion Paper: *Summary of Available Information and Management Approaches to Address Spawning Atlantic Herring* (January 2011)
12. Presentation Slides: Amendment 5 – Development of Alternatives for the Draft EIS (to be distributed at Council meeting)
13. CD with Reference Documents:
 - I. Herring PDT Discussion Paper: *Spatial Management Alternatives to Address River Herring Bycatch In the Directed Atlantic Herring Fishery* (December 2010)
 - II. Reference Paper: *UPDATE Identification of River Herring Hotspots At-Sea Using Multiple Fisheries Dependent and Independent Datasets* (August 2010)
 - III. Supplemental Material: *UPDATE Identification of River Herring Hotspots At-Sea Using Multiple Fisheries Dependent and Independent Datasets* (August 2010)
 - IV. Reference Paper: *Identification of River Herring Hotspots At-Sea Using Multiple Fisheries Dependent and Independent Datasets* (July 2010)
 - V. Herring PDT Working Paper: *Comparison of (Landed) Bycatch Estimates from Portside and At-Sea Observer Sampling Programs in the Atlantic Herring Fishery* (July 2010)
 - VI. Council Staff White Paper: *Potential Applicability of Flow Scales, Truck Scales, and Volumetric Measurement in the Atlantic Herring Fishery* (July 2010)