

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Herring Committee

#### I. STATUS

##### A. Meetings:

- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) discussed the development of Framework 4 on a January 6, 2014 conference call and is expected to meet during February and March to work on the development of the Framework 4 document and related analyses.
- The Herring Committee met on January 14, 2014, and the Herring Advisory Panel (AP) met on January 22, 2014 to begin the development of options for consideration in Framework 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP. Framework 4 may address some of the disapproved elements of Amendment 5, including dealer weighing provisions and measures to address net slippage. The Committee and AP also reviewed/discussed the development of the omnibus amendment to establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring and observer coverage targets for the herring and mackerel fisheries (see Tab 14 for information related to the Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment).

#### II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Provide guidance regarding the development of alternatives in Framework 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP

#### III. INFORMATION

1. Framework 4 Discussion Document (January 9, 2014)
2. January 14, 2014 Herring Committee Meeting Summary (Draft)
3. January 22, 2014 Herring Advisory Panel Report (*Draft, to be distributed prior to Council meeting*)
4. Amendment 5 Partial Approval Letter (July 19, 2013) and Follow-up Correspondence (September 20, 2013)
5. Amendment 5 Slippage Information (2010/2011)
6. Final Rule for Midwater Trawl Access to Closed Area I (November 2010)
7. Presentation Slides: Framework 4 to the Herring FMP (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)