

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Industry-Funded Monitoring FMAT met via webinar on December 5, 2013 and January 2, 2014 to discuss the development of alternatives for consideration in the omnibus amendment to establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring across all Northeast Region FMPs.
- The Herring Committee met on January 14, 2014 and the Herring Advisory Panel met on January 22, 2014 to discuss the range of alternatives for the omnibus amendment and develop recommendations regarding the range of herring observer coverage targets to be included in the omnibus amendment (see Tab 5 for materials related to the Herring Committee/Advisory Panel meetings and the partial approval of Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP).

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve draft range of alternatives for further consideration/analysis in the omnibus amendment to establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring across all FMPs

III. INFORMATION

1. Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment – Draft Alternatives
2. January 2, 2014 Industry-Funded Monitoring FMAT Meeting Summary
3. December 27, 2013 A.I.S., Inc. Recommendation for Observer Funding Omnibus Amendment
4. December 5, 2013 Industry-Funded Monitoring FMAT Meeting Summary
5. September 20, 2013 letter from John Bullard to NE and MA Councils Re. Industry-Funded Monitoring
6. Presentation Slides (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)