

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Council held eight public hearings during March 2012 to solicit comments on management alternatives/options under consideration in Amendment 5 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Public comments were received by the Council through April 20, 2012. The NEPA 45-day comment period on the Amendment 5 DEIS ran from April 20 through June 4, 2012.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met jointly with the MAFMC's Mackerel Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) on May 22, 2012 to discuss Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEISs) for Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP and Amendment 14 to the Mackerel FMP, and to develop recommendations for both Councils to consider regarding the selection of final management measures.
- The Herring Advisory Panel met on May 31, 2012 to review the Amendment 5 DEIS and develop recommendations regarding the Council's selection of final management measures.
- The Herring Committee met on June 6, 2012 to review the Amendment 5 DEIS and all public comments received during both the Council's comment period and the NEPA 45-day comment period, and to develop recommendations regarding the Council's selection of final management measures.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Selection of final management measures for inclusion in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (see June 6, 2012 Herring Committee Motions)

III. INFORMATION

1. Public Hearing Document for Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP
2. Summaries from nine Public Hearings for Draft Amendment 5, conducted by the Council during March/April 2012 (Rockland ME, Gloucester MA, Portsmouth NH, Fairhaven MA, Portland ME, Plymouth MA, Warwick RI, Cape May NJ; Mystic CT)
3. Written comments received re. Draft Amendment 5
4. June 8, 2012 Council Staff Memo: *Public Comments Re. Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP*
5. Amendment 5 Decision Document (to be distributed prior to or at Council meeting)
6. June 5, 2012 Correspondence from NMFS Regional Office re. Amendment 5 Draft EIS

7. June 6, 2012 Draft Herring Committee Meeting Summary/Summary of Herring Committee Motions
8. May 31, 2012 Herring Advisory Panel Report
9. May 22, 2012 Herring PDT/Mackerel FMAT Report
10. March 22, 2012 Enforcement Committee Report
11. Presentation Slides: *Draft Amendment 5: Public Comments March/April 2012* (to be distributed at Council Meeting)