

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Herring Committee

#### I. STATUS

##### A. Meetings:

- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met jointly with the Mid-Atlantic Council's Mackerel/Squid/Butterfish (MSB) Monitoring Committee (MC) on May 23, 2013 to review available information and discuss the development of actions to establish catch caps for river herring/shad in the mackerel fishery (through specifications) and the herring fishery (through Framework 3). The Herring PDT is scheduled to follow-up via webinar on July 10, 2013 and will schedule a full-day meeting during August.
- The Herring Committee met on June 4, 2013 to review the Herring PDT/MSB MC Report and begin the development of Framework 3 to the Herring FMP. The Herring Advisory Panel and Committee will meet prior to the September Council meeting to develop the details of the Framework 3 alternatives and related recommendations for the Council to consider during final decision-making on Framework 3 at its September 2013 meeting.

##### B. Management Actions:

- The 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications package and Framework 2 to the Herring FMP were submitted to NMFS on March 15, 2013.
- The Proposed Rule for Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP was published in the *Federal Register* on June 3, 2013. Comments must be received by July 18, 2013.

#### II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Clarify Council intent in Amendment 5 with respect to adding catch caps for river herring/shad to the list of measures that can be implemented through a framework adjustment (see Herring Committee motion)
- B. Consider June 4, 2013 Herring Committee motions re. development of Framework 3 to the Herring FMP (see additional motions in June 4, 2013 Herring Committee Meeting Summary)

### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Draft June 4, 2013 Herring Committee Meeting Summary (to be distributed prior to Council meeting)
2. May 23, 2013 Herring PDT/MSB Monitoring Committee Report
3. Memo from NEFMC Staff Re. Consideration of Shad in Amendment 5
4. MAFMC June 2013 MSB Briefing Materials
5. Butterfish Mortality Cap Estimation Methods (NERO, September 2012)
6. Proposed Rule for Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (June 3, 2013)
7. Correspondence Re. Framework 3
8. Herring PDT Amendment 5 Discussion Paper Re. River Herring Catch Caps (December 2010)
9. Presentation Slides re. Framework 3 (to be distributed at Council meeting)