

Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP: Update on Catch Monitoring Alternatives

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Amendment 5 - Issues

(Formerly Amendment 4)

- Catch Monitoring Program
- Measures to Address River Herring Bycatch
- Criteria for Midwater Trawl Access to Groundfish Closed Areas
- Measures to Address Interactions with Mackerel Fishery

Timeline – Progress to Date

- Scoping April-June 2008
- Committee began development of alternatives June-Oct 2008
- Council reviewed progress on A4 Oct 2008; identified additional action item Nov 2008
- Council requested stakeholder proposals on catch monitoring Dec 2008
- Committee reviewed proposals, developed alternatives for ACLs/AMs and catch monitoring Dec 2008-Feb 2009
- Council reviewed progress on A4, reviewed proposals and provided guidance Feb 2009
- Committee continued to develop alternatives through June 2009

Timeline – Progress to Date

JUNE 2009 COUNCIL MEETING – A4/A5 SPLIT

Direct the Herring Committee to continue to develop at least three comprehensive monitoring alternatives by the November Council meeting. Each alternative will include measures for at sea and dockside monitoring as well as options describing costs and funding for monitoring. The Committee will also complete development of alternatives that can be incorporated into any catch monitoring alternative (3.3). To accomplish this, the Committee will meet at least three times in order to dedicate sufficient time to each of the catch monitoring alternatives.

- August 6, August 24, and September 17, 2009
- July 31 Amendment 5 Discussion Document
- Herring Committee is now proposing restructured catch monitoring alternatives

Restructured Catch Monitoring Alts

- Original alternatives have been deconstructed into broad categories (green)
- Sub-categories with options under each broader category (yellow)
- Goal is to streamline options to 3-4 under each sub-category
- Alternatives can be reconstructed by selecting an option from each category/sub-category
- Some categories well-developed, others need more discussion
- Document needs to be re-written to simplify and address inconsistencies/redundancies

Restructured Catch Monitoring Alts

- Measures to Improve Quota Monitoring and Reporting
- Measures to Standardize/Certify Volumetric Measurements of Catch
- Measures to Address Maximized Retention
- Measures to Ensure Maximized Sampling and Address Net Slippage
- At-Sea Monitoring Program
- Dockside Monitoring Program
- Measures to Require Electronic Monitoring
- Other Measures to Address Catch Monitoring
- Possible Sources of Funding

Amendment 4 - Update

- Alternatives are process-related (specifications)
- Amendment 4 measures address the process for establishing annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs)
- Modifications to specs proposed for M-S Act consistency with ACL/AM provisions
- Council approved range of alternatives June 2009
- Environmental Assessment under development, available for public comment late December 2009/January 2010
- Selection of final measures January 2010 Council meeting, submission and implementation ASAP

A5 Timeline – What's Next?

- Council staff to rewrite Amendment 5 Discussion Document (if restructure approved by Council) Jan/Feb 2010
- Herring Committee to reconvene late Feb 2010 to continue/complete work on Amendment 5 alternatives
- Range of alternatives scheduled to be approved by Council at June 2010 Council meeting
- Amendment 5 Draft EIS scheduled to be approved September 2010
- Amendment 5 public hearings late 2010
- Amendment 5 final measures approved by Council early 2011