

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Herring Committee

#### I. STATUS

##### A. Meetings:

- The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee met on August 11 and September 16, 2009 to review the TRAC update assessment of Atlantic herring and develop recommendations for the 2010-2012 overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC).
- The Herring Plan Development Team met on several times between July and November to prepare work/analyses for the SSC Meetings and the 2010-2012 herring fishery specifications package.
- The Herring Advisory Panel met on November 9, 2009 to review the options under consideration and analysis related to the 2010-2012 herring fishery specifications and develop Advisory Panel recommendations for the Committee/Council to consider.
- The Herring Committee met on August 6, August 24, September 17, October 6 (jointly with the ASMFC Herring Section), and November 10, 2009 (jointly with the ASMFC Herring Section) to review the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) updated assessment of Atlantic herring, develop options for the 2010-2012 herring fishery specifications, and continue work on the catch monitoring alternatives for inclusion in Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP.

#### II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Review Herring Committee recommendations and develop final recommendations for 2010-2012 specifications
- B. Consider Herring Committee recommendations regarding Amendment 5 catch monitoring alternatives:

**Herring Committee Motion:** that the Council adopt the restructured catch monitoring alternatives for further development in Amendment 5 (other issues will remain in the Amendment 5 Discussion Document dated July 31, to be addressed after the development of the catch monitoring alternatives)

#### III. INFORMATION

1. Draft 2010-2012 Herring Fishery Specifications Discussion Document
2. Herring Committee Recommendations Re. 2010-2012 Herring Fishery Specifications (incl. Herring Advisory Panel recommendations) – from November 9/10 Herring Advisory Panel and Committee/Section Meetings (to be distributed at Council meeting)

3. 2009 TRAC Update Status Report for Atlantic Herring Stock Complex
4. September 23, 2009 SSC Report – Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) value for the Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Atlantic herring complex
5. October 6, 2009 Joint Herring Committee/ASMFC Herring Section Meeting Summary
6. August 6, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary
7. Comments/Correspondence Received Re. 2010-2012 Herring Fishery Specifications
8. Presentation Slides: 2010-2012 Proposed Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications (to be distributed at Council Meeting)
9. August 24, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary
10. September 17, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary
11. Draft (Proposed) Restructured Amendment 5 Catch Monitoring Alternatives (dated November 2009, revised based on August/September 2009 Herring Committee Meetings)
12. Draft Amendment 5 Discussion Document (dated July 31, 2009)
13. Presentation Slides: Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP – Update on Development of Catch Monitoring Alternatives
14. Comments/Correspondence Received Re. Amendment 5 Catch Monitoring Alternatives