

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Committee has not met since the September 2011 Council meeting. The Council approved the Amendment 5 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for completion/submission at its September 2011 meeting. Council staff intends to submit the document in late November.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) is finalizing analyses of alternatives related to catch monitoring and river herring bycatch in Amendment 5. The PDT had a conference call on November 3, 2011 and will schedule another call prior to the end of the month.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

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- Consideration of a request from the Mid-Atlantic Council to include options in the Amendment 5 DEIS to establish a river herring catch cap, to be consistent with the options in the Mid-Atlantic Council's Draft Amendment 14 to the Squid/Mackerel/Butterfish FMP during the public review process

III. INFORMATION

1. October 17, 2011 Correspondence from Rick Robins, Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Council
2. Memo from MAFMC Staff Re. River Herring Catch Cap Options in Amendment 14 to the Squid/Mackerel/Butterfish FMP
3. Draft Amendment 5/Amendment 14 Timelines