



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2008
TO: Council Members
FROM: Frank Blount, Herring Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Herring Committee Motions Regarding Management Measures for Further Development in Amendment 4

The Herring Committee and Advisory Panel, as well as the Herring PDT have held a number of meetings to work on the development of management measures for Amendment 4 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). While Amendment 4 continues to be a work in progress and management alternatives are still in their early stages of development, the Herring Committee has worked to narrow the focus of the amendment after the scoping period and begin to craft more specific and detailed management measures.

At its October 7-9, 2008 Meeting, the Council should consider the following motions passed by the Herring Committee – only outstanding issues and/or recommendations that require Council action at this time are included for consideration at this meeting because several motions passed by the Committee have already been incorporated into the draft management measures described in the Amendment 4 Draft Discussion Document (and are therefore captured in the motion to approve the Draft Discussion Document for continued development). The Council should recognize that the Amendment 4 Discussion Document is a work in progress, subject to further revision and refinement until the management alternatives are fully fleshed out and ready for the Council to approve for inclusion in the Draft EIS.

The last two Herring Committee motions relate to cooperative research priorities for the research set-asides during the 2010 fishing year, which the Council is also scheduled to approve at the October 7-9, 2008 meeting.

Development of Alternatives for Amendment 4 Draft EIS

1. MOTION JULY 30, 2008: RICE/ LEARY

That the Council eliminate quota allocations (group, sector, individual, LAPPs, etc.) from consideration in this amendment

Motion carried 3-2-1 with the Chairman voting to break the tie.

2. MOTION JULY 30, 2008: RUHLE/AVILA

In the event that the Council not consider an amendment for any form of LAPP, that the December 31, 2006 date be established for qualification for allocation history in Area 1A

Motion carried 3-2-1 with the Chairman voting to break the tie.

3. MOTION OCTOBER 1, 2008: GIBSON/AVILA

That the Council request that the Herring PDT craft alternatives for time/area closures to protect the SNE/MA runs of river herring (including Cape Cod area)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. MOTION OCTOBER 1, 2008: RICE/AVILA

That the Council collaborate as much as possible with ASMFC and the MA Council regarding the management of the river herring resource

Motion carried unanimously.

5. MOTION (PERFECTED) JULY 30, 2008: RICE/ AVILA

If herring vessels are observed, that coverage be distributed fairly, to meet the needs of science and management, throughout the range of the fishery

Motion carried 4-1-0.

6. MOTION OCTOBER 1, 2008: RICE/AVILA

To approve the Amendment 4 Draft discussion document, as modified by the Committee 9/30 and 10/1, for further development into management alternatives for inclusion in the Draft EIS.

Motion carried unanimously.

RSA Priorities for the 2010 Fishing Year

7. MOTION OCTOBER 1, 2008: AVILA/RICE

To recommend that the research priorities for the 2008/2009 fishing year be carried over for the 2010 research set-asides

Motion carried unanimously.

8. MOTION OCTOBER 1, 2008: AVILA/RICE

To request that NMFS release the unused RSA for Areas 2/3 back into the fishery for 2008 and 2009

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