

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Committee met on March 30-31, May 17, July 27-28, and September 1-2, 2010 to continue work on the development of management alternatives for consideration in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (measures to establish a catch monitoring program, measures to address river herring bycatch, criteria for access to groundfish closed areas, measures to address interactions with the mackerel fishery, and measures to protect spawning fish).
- The Herring Advisory Panel met on August 25, 2010 to review the alternatives under consideration in Amendment 5 and provide recommendations to the Herring Committee.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on April 8, June 15, July 15, and August 19 to work on analyses to support the development of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 5.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. **Herring Committee Motion:** That we request that States continue and expand their portside sampling programs provided funds are found for the program, in support of the Council's priority for portside sampling coverage and that the Herring PDT and Technical Committee jointly meet to review the States shoreside monitoring programs in order to address the goals and objectives of Amendment 5
- B. **Herring Committee Motion:** That the Council prioritize a joint Groundfish/Herring Action (as part of Herring Amendment 5) to establish criteria for midwater trawl vessel access to the groundfish closed areas
- C. **Council Action:** Approval of management measures/alternatives for further development in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 5

III. INFORMATION

1. Amendment 5 Draft Discussion Document (dated for September 28-30 NEFMC Meeting)
2. Herring Committee Meeting Summaries (March – September 2010)
3. Memo: Summary of Herring Committee Motions Pertaining to Amendment 5 Development
4. Herring Advisory Panel Reports (May 2009 and August 2010)
5. Herring PDT Reports (May 2009 – August 2010)

6. Correspondence Packet
7. Draft Memo (July 22, 2010): Costs Associated with Catch Monitoring in the Atlantic Herring Fishery – Preliminary
8. Reference Paper: *UPDATE Identification of River Herring Hotspots At-Sea Using Multiple Fisheries Dependent and Independent Datasets* (August 2010)
9. Reference Paper: *Identification of River Herring Hotspots At-Sea Using Multiple Fisheries Dependent and Independent Datasets* (July 2010)
10. Reference Paper: *Potential Applicability of Flow Scales, Truck Scales, and Volumetric Measurement in the Atlantic Herring Fishery*
11. Amendment 5 Flow Chart/Decision Outline (to be distributed at Council meeting)
12. Presentation Slides: Amendment 5 – Development of Alternatives for the Draft EIS (to be distributed at Council meeting)