

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Herring Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### **A. Meetings:**

- The Herring Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) held several meetings and conference calls since the last Council meeting to continue work on development of information and analysis for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Amendment 5 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP).
- The Herring Advisory Panel met on September 22, 2011 to review the Draft Amendment 5 EIS and develop related comments/recommendations for the Council to consider at this meeting. The Advisory Panel also reviewed and provided comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the 2012 benchmark stock assessment for Atlantic herring (SAW/SARC 54).

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Approval of Amendment 5 Draft EIS for public hearings and selection of preferred alternatives
- B. Review of Draft TORs for the 2012 benchmark stock assessment for Atlantic herring (SAW/SARC 54)

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Draft Amendment 5 – Volume I (Draft EIS and Affected Environment) and Volume II (Appendices)
2. Amendment 5 Draft EIS Decision Document (to be distributed at or prior to Council meeting)
3. September 22, 2011 Herring Advisory Panel Report (to be distributed at Council meeting)
4. 2011 Herring PDT Reports
5. Correspondence
6. Amendment 5 Draft EIS Presentation Slides (to be distributed at Council meeting)
7. Draft Terms of Reference for SAW/SARC 54
8. NMFS Final Rule: Modifications to Catch Reporting for Atlantic Herring Fishery (September 1, 2011)
9. Framework 46 (Haddock Catch Cap) Final Rule and Permit Holder Letters (September 15, 2011)