

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Committee met on September 19, 2013 to continue the development of Framework 3 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and develop recommendations for the Council to consider when selecting final measures at the September 2013 meeting. Framework 3 considers a range of alternatives to establish catch caps for river herring and shad in the Atlantic herring fishery. The Herring Advisory Panel met the day prior to the Herring Committee meeting, September 18, 2013, to develop its recommendations for the Committee to consider.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on August 27, 2013 to continue work on the development of information and analyses related to Framework 3.

B. Management Actions:

- The Proposed Rule for Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP was published in the *Federal Register* on June 3, 2013. Comments were due to NMFS by July 18, 2013. On July 19, 2013, the NMFS Regional Administrator informed the Council of the partial approval of Amendment 5 (see Information below). Publication of the Amendment 5 Final Rule is pending.
- The Proposed Rule for Framework 2 to the Herring FMP as well as the 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications was published in the *Federal Register* on August 2, 2013. Comments on the Proposed Rule were due to NMFS by September 3, 2013. Publication of the Final Rule is pending.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Select final measures for Framework 3 to the Herring FMP, including specification of river herring/shad catch caps for 2014 and 2015 (see September 19, 2013 Herring Committee motions)

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Framework 3 Discussion Document
2. Draft Appendix I to Framework 3 – Background Data to Develop RH/S Catch Caps
3. Draft Appendix II to Framework 3 – 2014/2015 RH/S Catch Cap Options (Herring PDT)
4. Draft Appendix III to Framework 3 – Herring Fishery-Related Impacts (Herring PDT)
5. Draft September 18-19, 2013 Herring Advisory Panel/Committee Meeting Summary (to be distributed at Council Meeting)
6. August 27, 2013 Herring PDT Report

7. May 23, 2013 Herring PDT/MSB Monitoring Committee Report
8. Correspondence from NMFS re. Technical Corrections to Herring Management Areas
9. August 29, 2013 Correspondence from NMFS re. Amendment 4 Court Order/River Herring Issues
10. July 19, 2013 Correspondence from NMFS re. Amendment 5 Partial Approval
11. August 2013 Correspondence re. Amendment 5 Partial Approval (Cunningham/Bullard)
12. Correspondence re. Industry-Funded Monitoring (Nies/Bullard)
13. Presentation Slides re. Framework 3 (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)