

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Herring Committee

#### I. STATUS

##### A. Meetings:

- The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on April 30/May 1, 2009 to review the proposed measures related to the process for establishing annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP).
- The Enforcement Committee met on May 8, 2009 to review the measures proposed in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP and provide comments for Herring Committee consideration.
- The Herring Advisory Panel met on May 14, 2009 to review the measures proposed in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP and provide comments for Herring Committee consideration.
- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on May 26, 2009 to review the measures proposed in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP and provide comments for Herring Committee consideration.
- The Herring Committee met on June 4 and 5, 2009 to continue work on the development of Amendment 4, focusing on the ACL/AM provisions and the catch monitoring alternatives.

#### II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. **Committee Motion** – That the Council adopt for the range of ACL alternatives in Amendment 4, ACL Alternative 1 and Alternative 2, and Options 1 and 2 (for fishery specifications)
- B. **Committee Motion** – That the Council adopt AM Alternatives 1 and 2 for consideration in Amendment 4 – for AM Alternative 2, the Council should adopt Options 3A and 4 (as modified by the Committee and reflected in the Amendment 4 Discussion Document)
- C. **Committee Motion** – That Amendment 4 be split to address the ACL/AM provisions only, and that the remaining measures (catch monitoring, river herring bycatch, mackerel, and the groundfish closed areas) be incorporated into Amendment 5, and that the time period is as outlined in the draft strawman document dated February 3, 2009. Only the remainder of the Amendment 4 work would be considered in Amendment 5.

#### III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Amendment 4 Discussion Document (dated June 12, 2009)
2. Amendment 4 Catch Monitoring Alternatives – Summary Tables

3. June 4/5, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary (Draft)
4. Amendment 4 Draft/Strawman Timelines
5. May 26, 2009 Herring PDT Report
6. May 14, 2009 Herring Advisory Panel Report
7. May 8, 2009 Enforcement Committee Meeting Summary
8. March 24, 2009 Herring Committee Meeting Summary
9. Correspondence Re. Amendment 4/Atlantic Herring
10. Correspondence Re. River Herring
11. Presentation Slides – (1) Amendment 4 ACL/AM Provisions and (2) Catch Monitoring and Other Elements of Amendment 4 (both to be distributed at Council meeting)
12. April 30/May 1, 2009 SSC Meeting Report (see Tab 12)