

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on October 18, 2012 to continue work on the development of the 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications. The PDT reviewed two alternatives for Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) control rules proposed in the October 8, 2012 correspondence from EarthJustice and discussed the development of analyses for sub-ACL options.
- The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) and Herring Committee met on November 6 and 7, 2012 to continue the development of alternatives for consideration in the 2013-2015 Atlantic herring fishery specifications.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Consideration of additional ABC/control rule alternatives proposed by EarthJustice for 2013-2015 specifications (see Herring Committee motions)
- B. Approval of range of alternatives for Accountability Measures (AMs) to be analyzed in 2013-2015 specifications package (see Herring Committee motions)

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Discussion Document: 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications
2. November 7, 2012 Draft Herring Committee Meeting Summary (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)
3. November 6, 2012 Draft Herring Advisory Panel Report (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)
4. October 18, 2012 Herring PDT Report
5. October 8, 2012 correspondence from EarthJustice regarding Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications for FY 2013-2015
6. September 2012 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report (Herring)
7. September 20, 2012 Herring Committee/ASMFC Section Meeting Summary
8. August 31, 2012 correspondence from NMFS Regional Administrator re. Amendment 4 lawsuit/court decision
9. August 14, 2012 Herring PDT/TC Report
10. Presentation Slides: 2013-2015 Herring Fishery Specifications (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)