

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

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.
- Framework 3 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (catch caps for river herring/shad) is under final development and will be submitted to NMFS prior to the end of 2013.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

A. **Reconsider the motion tabled at the September 2013 meeting:**

To request an Emergency Action to prohibit the use of midwater trawl gear in New England federal waters by vessels with a herring A or B permit unless and until that component of the fishery is covered with 100% at-sea monitoring and comprehensive dumping regulations, similar to existing Closed Area I dumping regulations, are implemented fishery-wide

III. INFORMATION

1. Memo from Tom Nies – *to be distributed*
2. Rationale for Emergency Action (Excerpted from *Federal Register*)
3. Correspondence – *to be distributed*