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Madison, CT 06443-2705  
September 13, 2011

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Mike Anuszewski

Denise Anzelmo  
Staten Island, NY 10308-1504  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
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Brooklyn, NY 11230-2423  
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Randolph, NJ 07869-4618  
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Sag Harbor, NY 11963-2948  
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Brewster, MA 02631-2111  
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Winsted, CT 06098-3920  
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Bruce Armour  
Merrick, NY 11566-2023  
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Alison Arnold  
September 14, 2011

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Torrington, CT 06790-4116  
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Manchester, NH 03105-1672  
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Brooklyn, NY 11204-5652  
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New Milford, CT 06776-2532  
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Sissy Aron

Donna Arvelo  
Ocean, NJ 07712-3631  
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Mansfield Center, CT 06250-1140  
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Sharon, CT 06069-2242  
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Darien, CT 06820-2723  
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I support the reforms being proposed in herring "Amendment 5" but am concerned that lobbyists for the midwater trawl industry will push hard to eliminate some key monitoring and bycatch reduction measures before a full analysis is completed and the public is given the opportunity to comment. Bycatch reduction is essential. Please ensure the Council continues to demonstrate its commitment and support of meaningful reform of the Atlantic herring fishery by approving for public comment the full range of management options developed in Amendment 5, including:

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Thank you for considering my comments. Reform of this fishery is needed and overdue.

Sincerely,

Edith Borie

Sharon Bort  
Green Brook, NJ 08812-2613  
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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Sincerely,

Sharon Bort

Lorna Bosnos  
New York, NY 10025-3672  
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

Dear Mr. Howard,

Aside from the fact that I can't believe such stupidity and careless, uncaring activity exists, I am concerned by the toll the Atlantic herring midwater trawl fleet is taking on our river herring, Atlantic herring, groundfish, and other marine species, including those species that depend upon Atlantic herring and river herring for food. Trawlers are an atrocity, killing anything and everything, it's disgusting and heartbreaking. I support the reforms being proposed in herring "Amendment 5" but am concerned that lobbyists for the midwater trawl industry will push hard to eliminate some key monitoring and bycatch reduction measures before a full analysis is completed and the public is given the opportunity to comment.

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Lorna Bosnos

Bruce Botchar  
Winchester, NY 136693474  
September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bruce Botchar

Acisclo Bou  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-6723  
September 13, 2011

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Patricia Boud  
Whiting, NJ 08759-3732  
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Patricia Boud

Lucinda Boudreau  
New Britain, CT 06052-1511  
September 12, 2011

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Bryantville, MA 02327-0101  
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New York, NY 10010-3129  
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Joel Bowden

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Seymour, CT 06483-3614  
September 14, 2011

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Maryellen Bowen

Daniel Bower  
Hurleyville, NY 12747-6001  
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Daniel Bower

Toni Bowman  
Chester, NJ 07930-2316  
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Toni Bowman

Armand Boyer  
Pine Hill, NY 12465-2105  
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Armand Boyer

Lorraine Brabham  
Hoboken, NJ 07030-2253  
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Lorraine Brabham

Andrea Brady  
Brooklyn, NY 11216-1105  
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Andrea Brady

Clare Brady  
New Milford, CT 06776-5420  
September 12, 2011

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Clare Brady

Matthew Bram  
Brooklyn, NY 11210-4533  
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Anita Brandariz  
Brooklyn, NY 11201-4506  
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Karolyn Campbell

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Landing, NJ 07850-1434  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
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Athol, MA 01331-9562  
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Jeanie Camuti

Tony Camuti  
Athol, MA 1331  
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Kathleen Canfield  
Waterbury, CT 06708-2508  
September 12, 2011

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John Cannatella  
New York, NY 10003-9041  
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John Cannatella

Valerie Canosa  
Ossining, NY 10562-3202  
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Valerie Canosa

Ken Canty  
Oxford, MA 01540-0643  
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Ken Canty

Gregory Caplan  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-2834  
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Jeanette Capotorto  
Commack, NY 11725-2409  
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Joanne Capozzelli  
New York, NY 10024-1646  
September 14, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Joanne Capozzelli

Dawn Capper  
Clifton, NJ 07011-1777  
September 13, 2011

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Edward Carey  
Whitestone, NY 11357-3601  
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Edward Carey

Dorothy Carlo  
Holyoke, MA 01040-1314  
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Birgitte Carlsen  
New York, NY 10022-1523  
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Whiting, NJ 08759-4102  
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Stephen Carlson

Michael Carney  
Runnemede, NJ 08078-1633  
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Michael Carney

Hope Carr  
Brooklyn, NY 11209-4604  
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Bethlehem, CT 06751-1721  
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Sincerely,

Ilene Cento

Michael A. Cerrato  
Westville, NJ 08093-1121  
September 14, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Michelle Chalker  
Binghamton, NY 13905-2328  
September 13, 2011

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Michelle Chalker

Joy Chambers  
Worcester, MA 01603-2231  
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Pola Chapelle  
Annandale, NY 12504-0015  
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Alexander Chapman  
Bridgeport, CT 06604-1800  
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Alexander Chapman

Carol Chappell  
High Falls, NY 12440-5413  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
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Carol Chappell

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Brooklyn, NY 11209-7139  
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Rachel Chaput

Kym Charisma  
Syracuse, NY 13244-0001  
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Kym Charisma

Michele Chartier  
Warwick, RI 02889-3909  
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Sincerely,

Michele Chartier

Cynthia Chase  
Rahway, NJ 07065-2044  
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Cynthia Chase

Jayne Chase  
Marlborough, NH 03455-2532  
September 12, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Shari Chassen  
Syosset, NY 11791-1126  
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Hackensack, NJ 07601-2210  
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Ramya Chellappa

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Brooktondale, NY 14817-0126  
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Jeri Cheraskin

iPatricia A. Chernoff  
New York, NY 10025-5539  
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Barbara Chichester  
Huntington Station, NY 11746-4306  
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Barbara Chichester

Debra Chirgwin  
Chester, NH 03036-4002  
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Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034-1918  
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South Windsor, CT 06074-3581  
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Sincerely,

Dinah Crossway

Gerrit Crouse  
Nyack, NY 10960-2119  
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

Dear Mr. Howard,

The recently-introduced industrial-scale Atlantic herring midwater trawl fleet is taking a toll on our river & Atlantic herring, groundfish, & other marine species, including those that depend on Atlantic & river herring for food. As an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), I support reforms proposed in herring "Amendment 5", but lobbyists for the midwater trawl industry will push hard to eliminate key monitoring & bycatch reduction measures before a full analysis is completed, & the public is given the opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely,

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New York, NY 10075-0036  
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New Haven, CT 06515-2207  
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Boonton, NJ 07005-9541  
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Kearny, NJ 07032-3504  
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West Deptford, NJ 08066-1913  
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Hamden, CT 06517-2935  
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Elizabeth Culler

Bruce Culver  
Deerfield, MA 01342-9704  
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Bruce Culver

Amy Curry  
Rivervale, NJ 07675-6256  
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Amy Curry

Franca Curry  
Scituate, MA 02066-2930  
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Joanna Cutting-Brady  
Dracut, MA 01826-3112  
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Joseph Czubowicz  
Linden, NJ 07036-1709  
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Lafayette, NJ 07848-3130  
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Londonderry, NH 03053-2931  
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Hooksett, NH 03106-1030  
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Baldwin, NY 11510-4210  
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brooklyn, NY 11226-4306  
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Whiting, NJ 08759-1668  
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New York, NY 10019-7730  
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New York, NY 10025-9313  
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Wendy Dannett

Caroline Darst  
Somerville, MA 02144-2423  
September 12, 2011

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Thadeus Dziekonski

Cheri Dzubak  
Yardville, NJ 08620-1531  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Riverhead, NY 11901-2648  
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Stamford, CT 06902-6131  
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Middleburgh, NY 12122-3809  
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Bloomfield, CT 06002-1201  
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Secaucus, NJ 07094-2219  
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New York, NY 10013-2656  
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Bayport, NY 11705-1746  
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Temple, NH 03084-4624  
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Jersey City, NJ 07302-2744  
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New York, NY 10009-4008  
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Cliffside Park, NJ 07010-1301  
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Paul Eisenman

Evan Eisentrager  
Easthampton, MA 01027-2351  
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Evan Eisentrager

Jason Eldridge  
Sutton, MA 01590-2337  
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Jason Eldridge

Robyn Eldridge  
New York, NY 10028-7142  
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Donald Elias  
Martinsville, NJ 08836-2135  
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Donald Elias

Joan Eliasoph  
New York, NY 10022-5018  
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Judy Ericson

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Johnston, RI 02919-6221  
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New York, NY 10065-7919  
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Warwick, RI 02888-4248  
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CIVITA CASTELLANA (VT), None  
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Judi Flanders

Timothy Fleche  
Rochester, NY 14617-2206  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
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Glenn Fleischman  
Bronx, NY 10463-2849  
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Ellen Fleishman  
Brooklyn, NY 11215-3597  
September 14, 2011

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Ellen Fleishman

Pam Fleming  
Brooklyn, NY 11205-3607  
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Pam Fleming

Roger Fleming  
Appleton, ME 04862-6452  
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Roger Fleming

Judith Fletcher  
Bronx, NY 10463-1820  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Janet Flinkstrom  
Ashby, MA 01431-2134  
September 12, 2011

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Brooklyn, NY 11210-2158  
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Norwalk, CT 06850-1817  
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New York, NY 10011-5826  
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Columbia, CT 6237  
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Stony Brook, NY 11790-1532  
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Catherine Foley

Erin Foley  
Hazlet, NJ 07730-2309  
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Erin Foley

Mariah Foose  
Grafton, MA 01519-1215  
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Mariah Foose

Wayne Foote  
Smithtown, NY 11787-4933  
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Therese Forcier  
Manchester, NH 03104-5463  
September 13, 2011

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New York, NY 10009-6636  
September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Merideth Genin

Sara Genthner  
Easthampton, MA 01027-1096  
September 12, 2011

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Amherst, NY 14226-4653  
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Cambridge, MA 02140-1763  
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Kendall Park, NJ 08824-1843  
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Palmyra, NJ 08065-2207  
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North Baldwin, NY 11510-1309  
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Kathryn Grace

Catherine Graf  
Stamford, CT 06902-2632  
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Sincerely,

Kaye Gucciardo

Lori Guillard  
Windham, CT 06280-1348  
September 12, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Lori Guillard

Mary Guillet  
Winsted, CT 06098-2522  
September 12, 2011

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Mary Guillet

Tana Gullotta  
Ossining, NY 10562-7001  
September 14, 2011

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Moonachie, NJ 07074-1812  
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Lori Gundry

S Gunther  
Beacon, NY 12508-4115  
September 13, 2011

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S Gunther

R Guppy  
Bronx, NY 10462-6831  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
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Carol Gupta  
Carlisle, MA 01741-1331  
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Joanne Gura  
Wallkill, NY 12589-2912  
September 13, 2011

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Joanne Gura

Elizabeth Guthrie  
Webster, NY 14580-4132  
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Elizabeth Guthrie

BONNIE HAFFEN  
Congers, NY 10920-2712  
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council  
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BONNIE HAFFEN

Michael Hadjiargyrou  
Coram, NY 11727-2308  
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Michael Hadjiargyrou

Bryan Hadler  
Babylon, NY 11702-1816  
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Bryan Hadler

Carol Hagarty  
Rego Park, NY 11374-4391  
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Carol Hagarty

Carol Halberstadt  
Newton, MA 02458-2105  
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Carol Halberstadt

Rebecca Halfon  
New York, NY 10024-2324  
September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Halfon

A. Hall  
Roslindale, MA 02131-2902  
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A. Hall

James Hall  
Columbia, CT 06237-1519  
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