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Milford, NH 03055-3445
September 13, 2011

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matthew Hyland

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Sandy J.

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Clifton, NJ 07011-3604
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Northampton, MA 01060-1709
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Glen Cove, NY 11542-1756
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Alan Jody Nishman
Haydenville, MA 01039-9717
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New York, NY 10009-7302
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West Milford, NJ 07480-4119
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Jersey City, NJ 07302-4626
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Denville, NJ 07834-1531
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Brooklyn, NY 11238-1227
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Milford, MA 01757-4018
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Sunnyside, NY 11104
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Jack Keeffe

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Bloomfield, NJ 07003-4030
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Auburndale, MA 02466-1522
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Wendell, MA 01379-0874
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New York, NY 10024-3244
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Oceanside, NY 11572-2428
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Robert Keller
Parsippany, NJ 07054-3047
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Bronx, NY 10470-2055
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Greenfield, MA 01301-9798
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Milford, NJ 08848-2232
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Marlborough, MA 01752-6077
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Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-3801
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Julie Kennie
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Gloucester, MA 01930-4068
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Kris Kenyon

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New London, CT 06320-5957
September 13, 2011

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Cambridge, NY 12816-1202
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Regina Kolber

Martin Konrad
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-2115
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Brookline, MA 02445-7581
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Housatonic, MA 1236
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Great Neck, NY 11021-4929
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Buffalo, NY 14207-1139
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Island Heights, NJ 08732-1126
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Joyce Kowalczyk
Wallingford, CT 06492-5434
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Hannacroix, NY 12087-1818
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Niagara Falls, NY 14305-1852
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Diane Kraft

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New York, NY 10024-3253
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Manchester, NH 03103-2347
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Brooklyn, NY 11231-4714
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Longmeadow, MA 01106-1505
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Rochester, NY 14621-2007
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Andrew Kurzweil

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Water Mill, NY 11976-1360
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Staten Island, NY 10305-2318
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September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dean Leh

Doris Lehr
Flushing, NY 11364-1827
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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Irene Leibman
Peekskill, NY 10566-2252
September 14, 2011

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Irene Leibman

Morris Leibovitz
Beverly, MA 01915-3750
September 13, 2011

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Morris Leibovitz

Ruth Leibowitz
Keansburg, NJ 07734-1067
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Ruth Leibowitz

Jill Leighty
Pond Eddy, NY 12770-5214
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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John Leith
Auburndale, MA 02466-1012
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Peekskill, NY 10566
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Ronald Lemmert

Mary Leno
Cambridge, MA 02139-3937
September 13, 2011

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Mary Leno

Andrew Lenz
Leverett, MA 01054-0059
September 12, 2011

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Andrew Lenz

Lois Leonard
Aquebogue, NY 11931-0494
September 13, 2011

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Lois Leonard

Richard Leonard
New York, NY 10065-7431
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Richard Leonard

Patricia Leone
Ardsley, NY 10502-2416
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Patricia Leone

Stephen Leone
Smithtown, NY 11787-2505
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Michael Letendre
Portsmouth, NH 03801-5083
September 12, 2011

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Michael Letendre

Mary Levitt
New York, NY 10025-5124
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Mary Levitt

B. Levy
New York, NY 10003-2506
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B. Levy

Andrea Lewandowski
Brooklyn, NY 11215-1905
September 14, 2011

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Andrea Lewandowski

Julie Lewey
North Conway, NH 03860-0532
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Emily Lewis
Amherst, MA 01002-1886
September 12, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Carmel, NY 10512
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Linda Lewison
Sandwich, MA 02563-2602
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Billie Leyendecker
New York, NY 10012-4343
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Billie Leyendecker

Dominic Libby
Milton, NH 03851-4722
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Dominic Libby

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Staten Island, NY 10310-1210
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New York, NY 10016-9522
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Antonina Licastri

Paulette Licht
North Haven, CT 06473-4112
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Barbara Lidestri
Vestal, NY 13850-1231
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Sincerely,

Mary Lidkea

Amy Lieberman
Delhi, NY 13753-3131
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,

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Amy Lieberman

Patricia Lieme
New Paltz, NY 12561-4016
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Gregory Light
Plattsburgh, NY 12901-6413
September 13, 2011

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Bright Limm
Flushing, NY 11367-3748
September 14, 2011

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Eric Lind
Sudbury, MA 01776-1607
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Eric Lind

Joanne Linden
Cranford, NJ 07016-2540
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Joanne Linden

Judith Lindsey
Candia, NH 03034-2015
September 12, 2011

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Sincerely,

Judith Lindsey

Joan A. Lindstrom
Vernon, CT 06066-4319
September 13, 2011

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Joan A. Lindstrom

Thomas Linell
Lebanon, NH 03766-1073
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Thomas Linell

Thomas Lipp
Fairfield, CT 06824-6418
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Thomas Lipp

Elizabeth Lipton
Milton, MA 02186-1516
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Elizabeth Lipton

Geoffrey Lizotte
Wilmot, NH 03287-4539
September 14, 2011

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Geoffrey Lizotte

Susanm J Llorca
Norwalk, CT 06850-4418
September 13, 2011

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

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Susanm J Llorca

Janet Lloyd
Bridgeport, CT 06606-3941
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Janet Lloyd

Sheila Loayza
Wayland, MA 01778-2905
September 12, 2011

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Sheila Loayza

Wendy Lochner
Bayport, NY 11705-2156
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Wendy Lochner

Sharon Logan-Smith
Rochester, NY 14609-2410
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Sharon Logan-Smith

Karen Lograsso
Bohemia, NY 11716-5010
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Northford, CT 06472-1307
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Princeton Junction, NJ 08550-5380
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Erie, PA 16505-1245
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Sweetbryar Ludwig
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Brooklyn, NY 11230-6234
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Westerly, RI 02891-1965
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Jay Lustgarten

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Garrison, NY 10524-3730
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Lincoln, MA 01773-3813
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Haverhill, MA 01835-7602
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BARBARA MONROE
Rosendale, NY 12472-0216
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Hamburg, NY 14075-2509
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Catskill, NY 12414-5418
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Bec Marant

Amy Sophia Marashinsky
Shutesbury, MA 01072-9703
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Boston, MA 02130-3441
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Wakefield, RI 02879-2523
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Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849-1453
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Art Margulies
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Joan Massetti

Francis Mastri
West Haven, CT 06516-5435
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Stamford, CT 06902-1426
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Hamilton, NY 13346-3302
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Sincerely,

Lurana McCarron

Garret McCarty
Rochester, NY 14607-2149
September 14, 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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New York, NY 10026-1737
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Joan & Jim McCoy
Staten Island, NY 10301-2724
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Kim McCoy
Worcester, MA 01606-2535
September 13, 2011

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Kim McCoy

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Brooklyn, NY 11230-6874
September 13, 2011

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Beverley McDaniels
North Hampton, NH 03862-2236
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Beverley McDaniels

Ben McDonald
Beverly, MA 01915-5604
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Ben McDonald

C. McDonald
Garnerville, NY 10923-1327
September 13, 2011

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

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C. McDonald

Stanley McDonald
Sherborn, MA 01770-1629
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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Damian McDonnell

Mark McDonnell
Bayside, NY 11360-2479
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Wendy McDonnell

Paul McGee
Winthrop, MA 02152-2546
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Paul McGee

Brian McGinley
Lancaster, NH 03584-3426
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Brian McGinley

Daniel McGinnis
Haddon Township, NJ 08108-2618
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Daniel McGinnis

Margaret McGinnis
Hull, MA 02045-3126
September 13, 2011

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Margaret McGinnis

Janice McGivney
Medford, NY 11763-2228
September 13, 2011

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Janice McGivney

Alice McGough
Mashpee, MA 02649-4475
September 12, 2011

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RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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

Sincerely,

Alice McGough

Alice McGough
Mashpee, MA 02649-4475
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Dave McGowan
Madison, NJ 07940-2150
September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave McGowan

David McGraw
, NH 3223
September 13, 2011

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David McGraw

Ken McKay
Springfield, MA 01104-1424
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Sincerely,

Ken McKay

Sarah McKee
Amherst, MA 01002-2825
September 12, 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,

I am a New Englander concerned by how the Atlantic herring midwater trawl fleet is depleting our river herring, Atlantic herring, groundfish, and other marine species. These include species that depend upon Atlantic herring and river herring for food.

I support the reforms proposed in herring "Amendment 5." Yet lobbyists for the midwater trawl industry may well push hard to eliminate some key monitoring and bycatch reduction measures -- and may do it before a full analysis is completed, and before the public has the opportunity to comment.

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

Sincerely,

Sarah McKee

Mark McKennon
Brooklyn, NY 11215-8047
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Sincerely,

Mark McKennon

Agnes McKeon
New York, NY 10023-6602
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Sincerely,

Agnes McKeon

Mary McKeon
Margaretville, NY 12455-3023
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Sincerely,

Mary McKeon

Lisa McLain
Lakewood, NJ 08701-5451
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Lisa McLain

Barbara McLean
Goffstown, NH 03045-6634
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Barbara McLean

Kathy McLean
West Haven, CT 06516-6319
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Kathy McLean

Susan McLeod
Pittsford, NY 14534-2508
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Sincerely,

Susan McLeod

Chad McLoughlin
New York, NY 10031-6827
September 13, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chad McLoughlin

Susan McLucas
Somerville, MA 02144-1926
September 12, 2011

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Susan McLucas

Joe McNally
Manchester, NH 03104-1882
September 12, 2011

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Joe McNally

Deborah McNamee
Morrisonville, NY 12962-2524
September 13, 2011

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Deborah McNamee

Sarah McNaull
West Danby, NY 14883-9668
September 13, 2011

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Robert and Doris Milgrom

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Bedford, NY 10506-2011
September 13, 2011

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Cumberland, RI 02864-2814
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Oakland, RI 02858-1009
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Tucson, AZ 85736-1960
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Webster, NY 14580-3619
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Pittsford, NY 14534-3029
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Lyn Mitchell

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Shutesbury, MA 01072-9788
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Baldwin, NY 11510-4444
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Hamilton, MA 01936-0282
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Montvale, NJ 07645-2207
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Guttenberg, NJ 07093-4407
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Christine Muller
Kingston, RI 02881-1417
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Gretel Munroe

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North Kingstown, RI 02852-6131
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Sea Cliff, NY 11579-1652
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Burlington, MA 01803-4807
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Blackstone, MA 01504-1102
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Elise Murray
Princeton, NJ 8540
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Marian Murray
Cranston, RI 02920-0311
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Moorestown, NJ 08057-2755
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Sincerely,

Cooper Neville

Paula Neville
Rochester, NY 14626-1345
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
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Stephen and Robin Newberg
North Granby, CT 06060-1301
September 12, 2011

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Bill Newman
Lake Como, NJ 07719-3073
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Bill Newman

Eric Newman
Bronx, NY 10475-1802
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Eric Newman

Marcie Newman-Perskin
Flushing, NY 11358-4013
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Marcie Newman-Perskin

Hai Nguyen
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-4005
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Hai Nguyen

John Nichols
East Orleans, MA 02643-0096
September 12, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Shamus Nicholson
Mexico, NY 13114-4311
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Shamus Nicholson

Karen Nicoletti
Barkhamsted, CT 06063-3221
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Newton Highlands, MA 02461-1402
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Angela Nielsen

Susan Nierenberg
Teaneck, NJ 07666-3024
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Susan Nierenberg

Janice Ninomiya
Woodbridge, CT 06525-2026
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Leslie Niquette
West Springfield, MA 01089-3105
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Leslie Niquette

Martha Nochimson
Bronx, NY 10471-3414
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Martha Nochimson

Katharina Nordmann
Carle Place, NY 11514-1629
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Sincerely,

Katharina Nordmann

Enid Norris
Stamford, CT 06903-1734
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Ronald Novick
Orange, CT 06477-2935
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Ronald Novick

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Jersey City, NJ 07304-2165
September 13, 2011

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Foster, RI 02825-1631
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Spencer, MA 01562-1005
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Morristown, NJ 07960-3703
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Canton, MA 02021-2003
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Annmarie O'Toole
Braintree, MA 02184-2332
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Annmarie O'Toole

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Malden, MA 02148-7624
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Chance OConnor
Beacon, NY 12508-1476
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Marion, MA 02738-1546
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Corey Pane

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New York, NY 10024-1207
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Victoria, None 248
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Patterson, NY 12563-2823
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Mark Patton

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Nottingham, NH 03290-0180
September 13, 2011

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Astoria, NY 11105-2361
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Chepachet, RI 02814-1144
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New York, NY 10014-2551
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Brooklyn, NY 11218-2709
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Pei Pei Ma
Cambridge, MA 02140-1914
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Mattapan, MA 02126-2329
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Mark Pezzati

William E Pfeiffer Jr.
Kansas City, MO 64112-2817
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Laurie Pinkham

Thomas Pintagro
Jamestown, NY 14701-3411
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Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3273
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North Tonawanda, NY 14120-4529
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Bethel, CT 06801-2036
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Dionne Polk
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648-2026
September 14, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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Regina Powell

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Ridgefield, CT 06877-5226
September 12, 2011

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Long Valley, NJ 07853-3092
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J.F. Purcell
Oceanside, NY 11572-4736
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Sincerely,

J.F. Purcell

Kenneth Purington
Candia, NH 03034-2713
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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LORI RANDALL
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Iselin, NJ 08830-1445
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Sincerely,

John & Lori Rebernik

Martha Reddout
Alden, NY 14004-8700
September 14, 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,

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Caroline Redington
Ashville, NY 14710-9769
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Caroline Redington

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Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-1848
September 14, 2011

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Ken Reeves
Concord, MA 01742-4601
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Ken Reeves

Lisa Reff
New York, NY 10025-5059
September 13, 2011

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Regoberto Reginio
, NY 11423
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Princeton, NJ 08540-6138
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Martin Reichert

Erin Reilley
Farmingdale, NY 11735-2601
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Erin Reilley

Laurence Reilly
New York, NY 10025-2107
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Laurence Reilly

Maryann Rein
Endwell, NY 13762-8624
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Maryann Rein

Bettie Reina
Milmay, NJ 08340-0191
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Bettie Reina

Patrice Reinecke
Yonkers, NY 10704-3906
September 14, 2011

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Patrice Reinecke

Judith Rella
West Orange, NJ 07052-4425
September 14, 2011

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

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Judith Rella

Evan Remash
Brooklyn, NY 11249-4113
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Evan Remash

Heinrich Remold
Brookline, MA 02445-5838
September 12, 2011

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Heinrich Remold

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Falmouth, MA 02540-2813
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Kim Rendigs

Edward Rengers
Woodstock, NY 12498-2247
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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,

Peter Robbins

Saul Robbins
New York, NY 10025-4231
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,

I am VERY 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.

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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Sincerely,

Saul Robbins

Steve Robbins
Londonderry, NH 03053-0985
September 12, 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,

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. I am also concerned about international regulations; much of the fish taken from the ocean are taken by fleets from Russia, Japan, Finland and many others. 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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Sincerely,

Steve Robbins

Joanne Roberts
Blackwall, None 2256
September 12, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Joanne Roberts

David & Winifred Robinson
Swain, NY 14884-0026
September 13, 2011

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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,

David & Winifred Robinson

George Robinson
New York, NY 10033-1755
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,

George Robinson

Lilian Robinson
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568-0600
September 13, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Lilian Robinson

Marcia Robinson
New York, NY 10010-6632
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Marcia Robinson

Silkie Robinson
New York, NY 10036-8329
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Silkie Robinson

James Robson
Fresh Meadows, NY 11365-2567
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

James Robson

Ní-dia Rocha
Porto, None 4430
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Ní-dia Rocha

Gayle Rockett
Malden, MA 02148-1515
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Gayle Rockett

Soretta Rodack
New York, NY 10003-8705
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Soretta Rodack

Isidra Rodriguez
Binghamton, NY 13905-4420
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

Isidra Rodriguez

M Roe
Carmel, NY 10512-2615
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Sincerely,

M Roe

Beverly Rogers
Clifton, NJ 07011-1666
September 14, 2011

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Sincerely,

Beverly Rogers

Helen Rogers
New York, NY 10031-6218
September 13, 2011

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Helen Rogers

Jennifer Rogers
Sunapee, NH 03782-3712
September 12, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Rogers

Lynn Rogers
Newmarket, NH 03857-2018
September 12, 2011

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

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Barbara Roman
Wakefield, MA 01880-2311
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Denise Romano
New York, NY 10014-2840
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Bronx, NY 10454-3425
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Weymouth, MA 02189-1969
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Brooklyn, NY 11236-3226
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Oneonta, NY 13820
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Brooklyn, NY 11234-6805
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Bruce Rosenkrantz
New York, NY 10019-3115
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Cambridge, MA 02140-2715
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Trumansburg, NY 14886
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Elmira, NY 14901-9458
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Boston, MA 02118-2118
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North Kingstown, RI 02852-3224
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Kenneth Ruby
Salem, NH 03079-3667
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director
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RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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Canaan, CT 06018-2312
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Waban, MA 02468-1619
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Milford, NH 03055-4988
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Clifton, NJ 07013-3105
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Buffalo, NY 14222-2014
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JoAnne Russ

C. S. Russell
New York, NY 10031-9101
September 14, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Endicott, NY 13760-5465
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Rosendale, NY 12472-9662
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Teresa Russo
Staten Island, NY 10306-3655
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Hammonton, NJ 08037-2544
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Phyllis Ruth

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Brockport, NY 14420-9465
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Charles Ryan

Margaret Rydant
Northborough, MA 01532-1229
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E.S. SCHLOSS
New York, NY 10128-3768
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Brooklyn, NY 11222-4994
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Coventry, CT 06238-1929
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Amston, CT 06231-1530
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Atkinson, NH 03811-2148
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Brooklyn, NY 11218-1804
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Marie Santos

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New York, NY 10027-6719
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Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-1612
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Hamden, CT 06514-2231
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Cambridge, MA 02139-3197
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Jerry Sawyer

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Kelley Scanlon
Syracuse, NY 13206-1651
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Frank Scanzillo

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Bronx, NY 10463-6104
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Antrim, NH 03440-3205
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New York, NY 10025-6246
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Prospect, CT 06712-1436
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Tiffany Schiff
Woodmere, NY 11598-2740
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New York, NY 10019-1453
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Island Heights, NJ 08732-1012
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Flemington, NJ 08822-5613
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Old Bethpage, NY 11804-1615
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Sybil Schlesinger
Natick, MA 01760-5852
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Great Neck, NY 11021-2919
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Concord, MA 01742-2823
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