

Richard Schloss
East Northport, NY 11731-5229
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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Chris Schwamb

Brian Schwartz
Dumont, NJ 07628-3608
September 13, 2011

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Brewster, NY 10509-1609
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Jean Schwartz

Jed Schwartz
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Jersey City, NJ 07302-4619
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Brooklyn, NY 11201-6919
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Astoria, NY 11102-1748
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Robin Schwarz
Rockport, MA 01966-1653
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Gardner, MA 01440-4006
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Hewitt, NJ 07421-3300
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New York, NY 10025-7523
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Milton, MA 02186-3217
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Michael Seckendorf
Carmel, NY 10512-6002
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Elizabeth Seelman

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Boxford, MA 01921-2705
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Evelyn Silver

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Lexington, MA 02420-3401
September 13, 2011

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Brooklyn, NY 11215-2064
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Leela M. Southworth

Lizabeth Southworth
Newburyport, MA 01950-2843
September 13, 2011

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

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Cortland, NY 13045-1703
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Syosset, NY 11791-3716
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Phoenix, NY 13135-3317
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New York, NY 10002-5672
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Deborah Spencer
Billerica, MA 01821-1401
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Stark, NH 03582-6451
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Robin Spiegelman
Queens Village, NY 11427-2114
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Susan Spivack
Cobleskill, NY 12043-5925
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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Woodridge, NY 12789-5922
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Susanne Spring

Sally Springett
Rochester, NY 14618-2946
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Sally Springett

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Ithaca, NY 14850-5620
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Sheila Squier

Jean St. George
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-2138
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New York, NY 10014-4191
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Brooklyn, NY 11222-3602
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Christopher Stachecki

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Sincerely,

Melanie Steinberg

Marion Steinnger
Voorhees, NJ 08043-1813
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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Parlin, NJ 08859-2267
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West Caldwell, NJ 07006-7948
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Kingston, NH 03848-3102
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New York, NY 10011-7853
September 14, 2011

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Daphne Stevens
Fiskdale, MA 01518-1145
September 14, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Daphne Stevens

Dean Stevens
Roslindale, MA 02131-3702
September 12, 2011

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New York, NY 10075-0811
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Jon Stewart
Ipswich, MA 01938-2354
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Cambridge, MA 02138-1345
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Sarah Stewart

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Bristol, NY 12345
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michael Stocker
New York, NY 10024-4822
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michael Stocker

Donald Stoff
Medford, NJ 08055-8921
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Brooklyn, NY 11223-1700
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Northfield, MA 01360-1159
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Syracuse, NY 13210-3611
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September 13, 2011

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Chester, NY 10918-0151
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Brooklyn, NY 11238-5934
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Middleboro, MA 02346-6386
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Bolton, MA 01740-1119
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Sincerely,

Georgi Turer-Schnitzler

David Turner
Belleville, NJ 07109-1247
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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David Turner

Lois Tutino
Lancaster, NY 14086-9332
September 14, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Randall Tyers
New York, NY 10029-7170
September 14, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

Dear Mr. Howard,

We can not afford to continue devastating our fisheries! I am writing regarding the unacceptable and unsustainable 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.

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Deborah Uckno
Stratford, CT 06614-1807
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Douglas Unfried
Hartford, CT 06105-2506
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Elizabeth Ungar
New York, NY 10025-7782
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Elizabeth Ungar

Francine Ungaro
Southington, CT 06489-2905
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Sincerely,

Francine Ungaro

Louise Usechak
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702-4517
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Louise Usechak

Victoria Usher
New Hartford, CT 06057-3408
September 12, 2011

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Victoria Usher

Daniel Utevsky
Jersey City, NJ 07305-5433
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Daniel Utevsky

DEBBIE VAGI
North Brunswick, NJ 08902-7356
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Carole VaJames
bethlehem, NH 03574-4027
September 13, 2011

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Amendment 5 Atlantic Herring Fishery Reforms

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Carole VaJames

Terry Vaccaro
N Plainfield, NJ 7060
September 13, 2011

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Plainfield, NJ 7060
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Tom Vachon
South Tamworth, NH 03883-0028
September 12, 2011

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Kenny Vaheer
New York, NY 10011-1701
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Pasquale Vairo
New York, NY 10011-6844
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Edison, NJ 08820-4013
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Sincerely,

Maryalice Webb

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Pepperell, MA 01463-1127
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Tennyson Wellman

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Bethlehem, CT 06751-1706
September 12, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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College Point, NY 11356-1932
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Freeport, NY 11520-4323
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Englewood, NJ 07631-4312
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Wingdale, NY 12594-0600
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Lowville, NY 13367-1631
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Wendy Whyko-Marolda
Oxford, CT 06478-1333
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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wicks

Vitus Wieser
New York, NY 10032-2602
September 13, 2011

Capt. Paul Howard, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Gloucester, MA 01931-0613
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Orleans, MA 02653-3242
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Barrington, NH 03825-3500
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Marika Wilde

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Groveland, MA 01834-1021
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Waltham, MA 02451-0991
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Alton, NH 03809-5013
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David Williams

Donald Williams
Somerville, MA 02144-1957
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Jennifer Williams
South Boston, MA 02127-3727
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John Williams
Manlius, NY 13104-9416
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John Williams

Kathleen Williams
Jamestown, RI 02835-1750
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North Egremont, MA 01230-2284
September 12, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Mt Arlington, NJ 07856-1370
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Patricia Williamson

Sandra Williamson
Fort Collins, CO 80524-3109
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Brooklyn, NY 11215-4801
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Seth Wilpan
Burlington, MA 01803-5162
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Linda Wilscam
Vernon Rockville, CT 06066-3318
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Linda Wilscam

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Newark, NJ 07105-1417
September 13, 2011

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West Milford, NJ 07480-3725
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Mississauga, ON L5E 1Z9
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Manalapan, NJ 07726-2850
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Sincerely,

P. Wolstencraft

Tina Wood
Tabernacle, NJ 08088-9334
September 13, 2011

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Wyckoff, NJ 07481-2150
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Long Island City, NY 11106-3517
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Amherst, NH 03031-2016
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Georgetown, MA 01833-2031
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Berlin, NJ 08009-1526
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Therese Young

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Leominster, MA 01453-2933
September 12, 2011

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Denis Zafiroopoulos
Union City, NJ 07087-4167
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Harvard, MA 01451-1452
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Jamesburg, NJ 08831-3013
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New Windsor, NY 12553-6521
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Hesperia, CA 92345-1777
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Esther Zamora

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Danbury, CT 06810-7942
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Stanley J. Zawada
Whitestone, NY 11357-1752
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Frenchtown, NJ 08825-4120
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Susan Zega
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-1710
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Brooklyn, NY 11211
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Plantsville, CT 06479-1147
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Weymouth, MA 02190-2049
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Brooklyn, NY 11210-1131
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Dorchester, MA 02125-1331
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Alicia Zip

Bennet Zurofsky
Maplewood, NJ 07040-2702
September 13, 2011

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judilth ackerman
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Hoboken, NJ 07030-6483
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nicholas bacon
Long Island City, NY 11104-3506
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adam baer
Brooklyn, NY 11211-5813
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eric bare
Vestal, NY 13850-6317
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liverpool, NY 13088
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margaret beels
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Fort Lee, NJ 07024-1730
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pamela blum
North Branford, CT 06471-1849
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new york, NY 10017
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sheri bresson

chester brezniak
Dudley, MA 01571-0172
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Monroe Twp, NJ 08831-4909
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Brooklyn, NY 11211-2400
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Union, NJ 07083-6557
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Keansburg, NJ 07734-1308
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Burleigh, NJ 8210
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iraida capaccio
Sudbury, MA 01776-1629
September 12, 2011

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Whitestone, NY 11357-3601
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kurt carlson
Toms River, NJ 08753-2543
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Brooklyn, NY 11223-5216
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Johnson City, NY 13790-1450
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rachel chalchinsky
Mamaroneck, NY 10543-1044
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dan cignoli

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Brighton, MA 02135-1016
September 12, 2011

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Waltham, MA 02452-4713
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Branford, CT 06405-2656
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Paulinka de ROchemont
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mary demaso
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marcello franciamore
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pamela goeller

anne goldberg
Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3006
September 13, 2011

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Tonawanda, NY 14150-6833
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New York, NY 10014-4382
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laurie grace
Glastonbury, CT 06033-3339
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laurie grace

maria gregory
West Babylon, NY 11704-3129
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linda grice
Irvington, NJ 07111-1351
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joanna grinberg-ayala
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Orleans, MA 02653-1917
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Gillette, NJ 07933-1319
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tyler harrington
Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-2324
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nancy herrmann

charlett hobart
New York, NY 10003-8402
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Sincerely,

jeanne hobert

joyce holtschulte
Haverhill, MA 01832-1067
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

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Melville, NY 11747-2803
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gary hotham
Norwich, CT 06360-4315
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alcoy, NH 3804
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pamela joseph
Westport, CT 06880-6701
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anita kasbarian
Kenilworth, NJ 07033-1423
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elana katz
Sharon, MA 02067-1136
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elana katz

james keats
Springfield, MA 01119-2735
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james keats

jl keith
Providence, RI 02906-0182
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illisa kelman

chris kielb
East Greenbush, NY 12061-2103
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chris kielb

judy killingbeck
Rochester, NY 14624-4851
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julie koveleski
Atco, NJ 08004-1402
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julie koveleski

frederick kowal
Warnerville, NY 12187-3315
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richard kraemer
Norwalk, CT 06856-0442
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Lincoln, RI 02865-4805
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miriam kurland
Mansfield Center, CT 06250-1033
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Bronx, NY 10464-1426
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katherine langer

patricia lasek
Barneveld, NY 13304-0056
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Leslie Lawrence
Mendon, MA 01756-1022
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brenda lee
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nick leighton
Georgetown, MA 01833-2521
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karen-nicole leming
Groton, CT 06340-5701
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dena lenard
New York, NY 10002-4181
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perry lerner
Greenwich, CT 06831-5351
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maureen levier
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rhonda lieberman

christina little
mtlaurel, NJ 8054
September 14, 2011

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viola long
east swanzey, NH 03446-0066
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robert loring
Scituate, MA 02066-3519
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jean louis
Great Barrington, MA 01230-1614
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jennifer lowe
Westville, NJ 08093-1649
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Suffern, NY 10901-3820
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laura lynch
Meriden, CT 06451-3805
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Great Neck, NY 11021-2001
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anita maldonado
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peggy malloy
Andover, MA 01810-1803
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sao paulo, NY 12345
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jon mantak
Wellesley, MA 02481-3303
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jon mantak

darryl manthey
Wantage, NJ 07461-3109
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cathy marsh
Manchester, NH 03102-2411
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shirley mccarthy
Branford, CT 06405-4778
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gwenn nusbaum

bessie nussbaum
Commack, NY 11725-4403
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Newburyport, MA 01950

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maryanne nuzum
Kingston, RI 02881-1508
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Deer Park, NY 11729-4903
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Greenfield Center, NY 12833-1017
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new york, NY 10034
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herb patchell
Natick, MA 01760-1118
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Flushing, NY 11358-1431
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Burlington, MA 01803-1200
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michael peters
Albany, NY 12205-3101
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Tuckahoe, NY 10707-3064
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lorraine petro
Waterbury, CT 06706-1916
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new york, NY 10009
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john rhodes
Newburyport, MA 01950-2141
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Sincerely,

john rhodes

teddi richman
Brookline, MA 02445-6912
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

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Newton, MA 02459-3222
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emily schmitt
Belleville, NJ 07109-3203
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christine schmutz
boonton township, NJ 07005-9151
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ammiel schwartz
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leonard schwartz
springvalley, NY 10977
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Ithaca, NY 14850-3509
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Cambridge, MA 02139-3917
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Norfolk, CT 06058-1337
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Freehold, NJ 07728-8832
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North Grafton, MA 01536-1121
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Milford, NH 03055-3210
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Alpha, NJ 08865-4766
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Florence, MA 01062-1046
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janet smith

sean smith
New York, NY 10025-6821
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Linda Smyth
Enfield, CT 06082-3214
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isabel sobol
New York, NY 10023-3515
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New York, NY 10012-3753
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Bayonne, NJ 07002-2391
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eleanor trusz
Belchertown, MA 01007-9387
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eleanor trusz

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Warren, NJ 07059-2720
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Millbrook, NY 12545-5360
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todd wolf
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