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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2009
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
FROM: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Terms of reference for the September 16, 2009 SSC meeting concerning the development of an Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) value for Atlantic herring**

Terms of Reference

1. Review the available information provided by the Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) and develop recommendations regarding the specification of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the 2010-2012 fishing years, as well as an ABC control rule

Background Information

1. 2006 TRAC Benchmark Assessment Proceedings
2. 2006 TRAC Benchmark Assessment Status Report
3. 2009 Herring TRAC Update Assessment Document
4. 2009 Herring TRAC Update Assessment Status Report
5. July 28, 2009 Memo from Herring PDT: *Atlantic Herring Assessment Results and Preliminary Guidance Re. Specification of Allowable Biological Catch (ABC)*
6. Herring PDT Discussion Paper: *Projected Landings and Stock Biomass Under Different Fishing Mortality Scenarios for Atlantic Herring*
7. Herring PDT Memo: *Atlantic Herring Overfishing Definition – Proposed Modification to Control Rule*
8. Herring PDT Memo: *PDT Recommendations for Specifying Atlantic Herring ABC for the 2010-2012 Fishing Years*
9. Report of the Retrospective Working Group (NEFSC Reference Document 09-01)