

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: Since the last Council meeting there was a Herring Committee meeting on September 19, 2018 in Mansfield, MA, the Herring Advisory Panel meeting on September 18, 2018 in Mansfield MA, and the Herring PDT met on August 1, 2018 in Gloucester, MA.
- B. Amendment 8: The Council initiated this action in 2015; it includes measures to implement an ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the herring fishery. The comment period ended June 25, 2018.
- C. 2019-2021 specifications: The Council is developing measures over the next few months including herring catch limits and river herring and shad catch caps.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Final action on Amendment 8 to establish an acceptable biological catch limit (ABC) control rule for Atlantic herring and address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the fishery.
- B. Progress report on 2019-2021 specifications and possible request for NMFS to develop an independent action to set 2019 catch limits.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff presentation
- 2. Herring Committee and Advisory Panel draft motions (September 18 and 19, 2018)
- 3. Amendment 8 decision document
 - 3a. Amendment 8 DEIS
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Herring-A8-DEIS.Submission.April-12.pdf>
 - 3b. Amendment 8 DEIS Appendices
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Herring-A8-Volume-II-Appendices.pdf>
 - 3c. Summary of Amendment 8 public hearings (7 meetings)
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/All-sumaries-and-attendance-combined.pdf>
 - 3d. Amendment 8 written comments (364 different letters)
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Herring-A8-DEIS-written-comments.pdf>
- 4. Summary of Amendment 8 public comments (oral and written combined)
- 5. PDT Memo #1, Updated analyses for Amendment 8
- 6. PDT Memo #2, Upcoming herring actions and timelines
- 7. Planning document for 2019-2021 specifications document
- 8. Draft herring work priorities for 2019
- 9. Correspondence