

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met via webinar on February 13, 2018 as well as on March 15, 2018. The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) met on March 27, 2018 followed by the Herring Committee on March 28, 2018 in Mansfield, MA.
- B. Amendment 8: Staff submitted the draft FEIS to NMFS on January 28, 2018. It is currently being reviewed for completeness. The action includes measures to implement an ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the herring fishery.
- C. 2019-2021 specifications (Framework 6): NMFS implemented an in-season adjustment for FY2019 on February 8, 2019 and the Council will develop measures for 2020-2021 in a separate action during the first half of 2019.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Possible approval of ABC and OFL recommendations for 2019-2021
- B. Identify the range of alternatives for 2019-2021 specifications (Framework 6)

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation (*to be handed out*)
2. Framework 6 Draft Action Plan (FY2019-2021 fishery specifications)
3. Framework 6 Draft Environmental Assessment
4. Herring Committee and AP Motions, March 27 and 28, 2019 (Draft)
5. Updated 2019-2021 projections, Herring PDT Memo March 18, 2019
6. OFL and ABC recommendations for the herring fishery, SSC Memo November 20, 2018
7. Correspondence