

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Herring Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met via conference call on October 22, 2019. The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) and Herring Committee have not met since the September Council meeting.
- B. Amendment 8: The Notice of Availability for Amendment 8 was published on August 21, 2019 and comments were due October 21, 2019. The proposed rule was published October 9, 2019 and comments were due November 25, 2019. 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): Staff submitted the final Environmental Assessment to GARFO on October 8, 2019. The document is under review and the proposed rule is expected soon.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. None, the Council will review the final discussion document on Spawning of Atlantic Herring on Georges Bank and the final debrief of Herring Amendment 8 Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Process, but no action is needed.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Presentation (*to be handed out*)
- 2. Final Discussion Document on Spawning of Atlantic Herring on Georges Bank
- 3. Final debrief of Herring Amendment 8 MSE Process