

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: There have not been any herring related meetings since the December 2019 Council meeting.
- B. Amendment 8: NMFS sent the Council a letter on November 19, 2019 approving the measures as recommended by the Council. 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. Initiate Framework 8, herring fishery specifications for FY2021-2023 and adjusting herring measures that may prevent the Atlantic mackerel fishery from exceeding optimum yield.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation (*to be handed out*)
- 2. Draft action plan for Herring Framework 8