NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. <u>Meetings</u>: The Herring Plan Development Team (PDT) met on May 8, 2019 in Gloucester, MA. The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) met on May 29, 2019 followed by the Herring Committee on May 30, 2019 in Wakefield, MA.
- B. <u>Amendment 8:</u> Staff submitted the Final EIS to NMFS on May 13, 2019. NMFS sent the draft regulations to the Council for review on May 20, 2019. The proposed rule is expected to be published in late June. 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. <u>2019-2021 specifications (Framework 6)</u>: 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. Approve final preferred alternatives (final action) for Framework 6 (2019-2021 specifications)

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation (to be handed out)
- 2. Draft Framework 6 (2019-2021 fishery specifications)
- 3. Draft Herring Committee and AP motions, May 29/30, 2019
- 4. PDT memo regarding review of management strategy evaluation (MSE) process
- 5. Herring PDT meeting summary, May 8, 2019
- 6. Correspondence