

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Herring Plan Development Team and Advisory Panel met jointly on May 17 to discuss Framework 7, the Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) Program, Atlantic herring sub-ACLs for Georges Bank haddock, and research priorities. The Herring Committee met on June 10 to discuss these topics.
- B. Framework 9: This action would implement an Atlantic herring rebuilding plan. The public comment period on the proposed rule closed mid-March. The decision package is being prepared.
- C. Framework 7: The Council initiated this action in September 2019 to consider measures that would protect spawning of Atlantic herring on Georges Bank. The Council clarified the scope of the action in April 2021 to limit it to measures for the herring fishery and to focus on adult spawning protection. On June 10, the Committee reviewed progress to date for this action and considered next steps.
- D. Industry-Funded Monitoring: The Herring IFM program was fully implemented on July 1, 2021. At the April 2022 Council meeting, NOAA Fisheries gave a program update. The Council directed the Herring Committee to discuss IFM at its next meeting. On June 10, the Committee considered next steps for the program and an Advisory Panel motion to initiate an action to modify the program.
- E. 2023-2025 Specifications: The Committee received a brief update that the Atlantic herring stock assessment review meeting will be on June 27. The PDT will develop acceptable biological catch recommendations that will be reviewed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee on August 4. The Council is expected to take final action in September.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation: Rachel Feeney, Council staff
- 2. Framework Adjustment 7 discussion document, June 3, 2022
- 3. Meeting summaries
 - a. Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team – May 17, 2022
 - b. Herring Committee – June 10, 2022