

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Atlantic Herring Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: Plan Development Team (PDT), Advisory Panel (AP), and Committee (CTE).

Date	Meeting	Location
04/27/2026	PDT	Webinar
05/20/2026	AP	Gloucester, MA + Webinar
05/21/2026	CTE	Gloucester, MA + Webinar
05/26/2026	PDT	Webinar
06/08/2026	Joint AP/CTE	Portsmouth, NH + Webinar
06/09/2026	PDT	Webinar

- B. 2026 Action: This action, which is currently under development, would set specifications for Atlantic herring for fishing years 2027-2031, modify management measures for river herring (alewife and blueback herring) and shad (American shad and hickory shad), and modify other fishery management measures (i.e., specifications process and carryover).
- C. Amendment 10 (A10): At its April 2025 meeting, the Council decided to [pause development of A10](#), which is a multi-year priority. The Council considered resuming work on A10 during its annual priority setting in December 2025 and decided to shift the river herring and shad aspects of A10 into [another action](#) (see above for *Item B*).

II. COUNCIL ACTION

2026 Action: 1) Receive a progress report and 2) initiate a framework adjustment, if necessary. The action may be an amendment or framework adjustment, depending on the range of alternatives.

III. INFORMATION

1. Committee Motions
2. Staff Presentation
3. 2026 Action
 - a. Discussion Document, Draft
 - b. Appendix 2: PDT Analysis for Atlantic Herring, draft
 - c. Appendix 3: PDT Analysis for River Herring and Shad, draft
4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Herring PDT meetings: April 27 and May 26
 - b. Herring AP meeting, May 20, 2026
 - c. Herring CTE meeting summary, May 21, 2026
 - d. Joint Herring CTE & AP meeting summary, June 8, 2026, draft
 - e. Herring PDT meeting, June 9, 2026, draft
5. Correspondence