

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Atlantic Herring Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: Plan Development Team (PDT), Advisory Panel (AP), and Committee (CTE). TC indicates Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Technical Committee.

Date	Meeting	Location
07/07/2026	Joint PDT/TC	Webinar
07/14/2026	Joint PDT/TC	Webinar
08/07/2026	PDT	Webinar
08/18/2026	Joint CTE/AP	Webinar
08/31/2026	PDT	Webinar
09/02/2026	Joint CTE/AP	Boston, MA + Webinar

- B. 2027-2031 Specifications: This action, which is currently under development, would set specifications for Atlantic herring for fishing years 2027-2031. Final action is anticipated at the September 2026 Council meeting.
- C. Amendment (or Framework Adjustment): This action, which is currently under development, would 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).
- D. 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 C*).

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- 2027-2031 Specifications – Take final action on the specifications action.
- River Herring and Shad Measures – Receive an update.

III. INFORMATION

1. Committee Motions
2. Presentation, Council Staff
3. 2027-2031 Specifications Action
 - a. 2027-2031 Specifications, Draft
 - b. Appendix I – Supporting Reports
 - c. Decision Document, Council Version
4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Herring PDT meetings: August 7 & 31, 2026, draft
 - b. Joint Herring CTE & AP meeting, August 18, 2026
 - c. Joint Herring CTE & AP meeting, September 1, 2026, draft
5. Correspondence