

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Herring Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Herring PDT met in-person on October 24, 2017. The Herring Advisory Panel met on November 20, 2017, and the Herring Committee met the following day on November 21, 2017.
- B. Amendment 8: The Council initiated this action in 2015; it includes measures to implement an ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the herring fishery.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Select preferred alternatives for measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in Amendment 8.
- B. Approve Amendment 8 DEIS for public hearing.

**III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Staff Presentation (to be distributed before the meeting)
- 2. Draft Amendment 8 Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Alternatives under consideration, November 2017
- 3. Amendment 8 DEIS, Draft Affected Environment and draft impacts of measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts, November 2017 (This is a section of the above DEIS, but is included separately to make it easier to navigate both documents)
- 4. Herring PDT meeting summary, October 24, 2017
- 5. Amendment 8 Appendices relative to localized depletion
  - 5a. *Supplemental PDT analyses relative to localized depletion based on tasking from the Herring Committee*
  - 5b. *Technical details of PDT analysis of fishery overlap of herring fishery and predator fisheries*
  - 5c. *Summary of localized depletion references and review of similar work from other regions*
- 6. PDT Memo on Research Set-aside research priorities
- 7. Draft Herring Committee and Advisory Panel motions (November 2017)
- 8. Correspondence

*Under the Groundfish agenda item, Tab 3, the Council is considering a sub-ACL for GB and GOM haddock for the herring MWT fishery, between 1% and 2% of the ABC.*