

## NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Atlantic Herring Committee

#### I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Plan Development Team met on March 2, 2026. The Advisory Panel met on March 23, 2026. Meetings were held by webinar.
- B. 2026 Action: This action, which is currently under development, would set specifications for Atlantic herring for fishing years 2027-2031, modify other management measures (i.e., specifications process and carryover), and enhance river herring (alewife and blueback herring) and shad (American shad and hickory shad) avoidance and other catch reduction measures to better support ongoing coastwide restoration efforts for those species. The action may be an amendment or framework adjustment, depending on the range of alternatives.
- 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

The Council will receive an update on the development of the 2026 action.  
No Council action required.

#### III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation
- 2. 2026 Action Discussion Document, Draft
- 3. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Herring PDT meetings: December 15, 2025 & March 2, 2026
  - b. Herring AP meeting, March 23, 2026
- 4. Correspondence