



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2021
TO: Herring Advisory Panel (AP) and Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Herring Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Charge to AP and Committee for June 2 and 4 meetings**

There will be a Herring AP webinar on Wednesday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. The Herring Committee will have a webinar meeting two days later Friday, June 4, 2021 also at 9:00 a.m.

Purpose: The primary purpose of these meetings is to continue progress on two actions under development: Framework 9, an action to implement a rebuilding plan for Atlantic herring that was declared overfished and potentially adjust herring accountability measures (AMs); and Framework 7, an action to protect spawning of Atlantic herring on Georges Bank. The group will also provide input on 2021-2025 research priority recommendations for Council consideration. Under Other Business, staff will present a draft procedural directive from NMFS on applying information law to electronic data in US fisheries.

As documents are available they will be posted on the Council website for this meeting (<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jun-2-2021-herring-advisory-panel>).

Please take time to familiarize yourself with the documents before the meeting.

Both meetings will begin with introductions followed by a staff presentation (Document #2). The AP and Committee will first review updated PDT analyses and draft alternatives for Framework 9. The PDT has developed an action plan for Framework 9 (Document #4), as well as a range of potential alternatives to consider (Document #3). The SSC reviewed initial PDT analyses of a rebuilding plan on March 26, 2021 and their final report has been included as Document #5. Following that meeting the PDT prepared additional analyses for Committee consideration, Document #6. For this agenda item the AP and Committee should review new PDT analyses and provide input on the range of alternatives developed to date.

Next, there will be an opportunity to provide input on the Council's five-year research priorities related to the herring resource and fishery (Document #9). After a scheduled break the AP and Committee will provide input on several specific measures in Framework 7 that are still under development (Document #7). The document, as well as the action plan (Document #8) have been updated to clarify the scope of this action based on Council input from April 2021. The AP and Committee are specifically being asked to make progress on potential spawning herring possession limit alternatives. Finally, under Other Business, the AP and Committee will review a draft procedural directive from NMFS on applying information law to electronic data in US

fisheries (Document #10). The Council will be discussing this draft at the June Council meeting, and the Herring AP and Committee are being asked to consider how this directive relates to the Industry Funded Monitoring (IFM) program recently implemented for the herring fishery.

The format and logistics for these webinars will be similar to recent Council and Committee meetings. If you are not very familiar with participating in a Council webinar please review the staff presentation, "[Remote Participation Guide](#)" for instructions on how to take part in the webinar meeting. Note that you must register for the webinar if you plan to provide oral comments. Those who call-in by telephone without registering for the webinar and entering the PIN provided will be in listen-only mode.

All advisors and Committee members are requested to sign-in about ten minutes before the meeting starts to test your audio controls. Both meetings are expected to run four hours or so; therefore, please come prepared to make motions to help keep the meeting on track. If you plan to make motions, please email them to staff (dboelke@nefmc.org) and the Committee Chair before or during the meeting (rickbellavance@gmail.com). If you have any logistical issues with the webinar during the meeting please call Rachel Feeney on the Council staff at (978) 465-0492 ext. 110. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Deirdre Boelke (dboelke@nefmc.org; (978) 465-0492 ext. 105).