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From: Captain Steve Mclaughlin <semperfishcharters@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 10:42 PM
To: info <info@nefmc.org>
Subject: 12/20 line

Sir/ma'am,

make Amendment 8 a priority in 2023 to address this critical forage fish and measures to prevent localized depletion with implementation of the 12/20 mile line.

Please help make this happen! This will cause a great imbalance.

Regards,

Steve McLaughlin

Sent from my iPhone

#13c

From: Damon <captdamon@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2022 10:35 AM
To: info <info@nefmc.org>
Subject: 12/20 plan for herring

To whoever it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the 12/20 plan as it is important for you to consider the significance of this. I am a 30 year charter captain who fishes the waters around the Cape and Massachusetts Bay. The herring and mackerel population cannot withstand trawling inside of the 12 mile boundary. I have seen the devastation, and urge you to consider keeping the 12/20 plan in place.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Capt Damon Sacco
Castafari Inc

From: Bob Masi <bobmasi1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2022 8:34 AM
To: comments <comments@nefmc.org>
Subject: 12 mile Herring boundary

Dear Committee,

This email is in support for the effort in re-grouping and making another effort at instituting the 12 mile herring boundary.

It's painful to understand how a mountain of justifiable evidence could be stricken down by a single person's opinion who claimed it lacked absolute scientific proofing. I am not sure about the best way to attack this obstacle, whether it be scientific or legal, but please make this an obvious goal as much as it is an obvious need.

Concerned Citizen,

Bob Masi

From: Mary Falwell <mary.falwell@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 5:38 PM

To: comments <comments@nefmc.org>

Subject: 12 mile buffer zone

Please reconsider implementing the 12 mile buffer zone that was recently abolished. The midwater trawlers are decimating the bait fish that are essential to a healthy ocean. Our local fishermen need your help.

Thank you

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Mary and Warren Falwell
Chatham, MA.

From: timc <timc@capecodcellars.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:56 AM
To: comments <comments@nefmc.org>
Subject: Please protect the 20 mile buffer zone

Dear New England Management Council:

Please maintain the previously approved 12-mile buffer zone, with the 20-mile bump off Cape Cod which protects ocean herring, a vital forage fish, from mid-water trawls.

This protection helps river herring return to the streams and runs around the Cape

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From: Theodore Keon <tkeon@chatham-ma.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 11:17 AM
To: comments <comments@nefmc.org>
Subject: FW: Mid-water trawls herring buffer

Much to my angst that this is even necessary, I am again writing in strong support of establishing the previously implemented mid-water trawl buffer zone along the Gulf of Maine and Cape Cod. This buffer should not have been rescinded to the detriment of fish populations. Protecting forage species along this region is critical to sustain and regenerate fish stocks that prey on these species, and the local small boat fishing communities dependent on these stocks. The value of this buffer was immediately observable along numerous inland herring runs which saw an immediate increase in returning river herring following the establishment of the buffer.

Removal of the buffer is a devastating and draconian step backward and I strongly support NEFMC efforts to have this buffer reinstated by NMFS as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Ted Keon

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