

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Observer Policy Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### **A. Meetings:**

- The Observer Committee met on September 28, 2015 to: review the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for NMFS-led omnibus industry-funded monitoring (IFM) amendment; review/discuss omnibus alternatives in the IFM amendment and options for IFM in the Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries, as well as related Herring Committee recommendations; develop recommendations regarding any additional management measures to be considered in the omnibus IFM amendment; and develop recommendations regarding the selection of ***Preferred Alternatives*** for the omnibus IFM amendment and the approval of the Omnibus IFM Amendment/Draft EA for public comment.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- ##### **A.**
- Consider/approve Observer Committee motions re. Draft Environmental Assessment for the NMFS-led omnibus IFM Amendment (see motions from September 28, 2015 Observer Committee Meeting)

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Draft Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment/Environmental Assessment
2. Draft Omnibus IFM Amendment – Supplemental Information (to be distributed when available)
3. Motions from September 28, 2015 Observer Committee meeting (Draft, to be distributed at meeting)
4. Presentation Slides (GARFO): Draft Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment (to be distributed when available)
5. September 15, 2015 Herring Committee Meeting Summary (Draft, behind Tab 5)
6. September 14, 2015 Herring Advisory Panel Report (Draft, behind Tab 5)
7. July 1, 2015 Joint Observer Committee/Herring Committee Final Meeting Summary
8. Correspondence