



New England Fishery Management Council

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AGENDA

OBSERVER POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Sheraton Four Points, Wakefield MA

- 9:30 a.m.** Introductions, announcements, review of agenda
- 9:45** Update re. development of Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment and Draft Environmental Assessment (Steele, Szumylo)
- Review updated (draft) Action Plan for Omnibus IFM Amendment
 - Update re. development of Draft EA and outstanding issues identified at the January 2015 Observer Committee/Council meeting
- 10:15** Presentation and discussion: *Options Under Consideration to Establish IFM in the Atlantic Herring Fishery* (Steele)
- Review/discuss components of Draft Herring IFM Discussion Document; provide guidance for further development of herring ASM options
 - Discuss/clarify objectives of herring ASM options
- 12:30** Lunch
- 1:45** Presentation and discussion: *Electronic and Portside Monitoring Document* (Szumylo/Nordeen)
- Develop Committee recommendation re. additional options for industry-funded EM/portside sampling in the Atlantic herring fishery
 - Discuss details of portside/EM options and identify issues to be resolved
 - Discuss structure of Atlantic herring IFM options under consideration and interaction/relationship between different monitoring components (at-sea, portside, EM)
- 4:45** Opportunity for public comment
- 5:00** Address other business and adjourn

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