

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Observer Policy Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring Advisory Panel met on June 1, 2016 and the Herring Committee met on June 2, 2016 to review/discuss herring coverage target alternatives in the IFM Amendment and develop recommendations regarding preliminary preferred alternatives (*refer to TAB 5 for Herring - Draft Advisory Panel meeting summary - item #3 and Draft Committee meeting summary - item #4*).
- The IFM Amendment FMAT/PDT met on May 4, 2016 to consider the motions made at the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Council meetings held in April 2016 and discuss revisions to the Draft Environmental Assessment.

B. Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment: At its June 2nd meeting, the Herring Committee supported an additional herring coverage alternative, and recommended to the Council that the Draft Environmental Assessment move forward for public comment with updated analysis regarding the additional alternative.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Consider the Committee's recommendation for an additional alternative to be added to the Draft EA
- B. Select preliminary preferred alternatives for herring monitoring coverage alternatives in the IFM Amendment and approve the draft Environmental Assessment for public comment

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation – Herring Monitoring Coverage Alternatives by GARFO (June 16, 2016)
2. IFM Amendment – Draft EA and Appendices (May 27, 2016)
3. IFM Amendment – Supplement to Draft EA (May 27, 2016)
4. Summary Document – Update on EM Pilot Project (June 9, 2016)
5. IFM Amendment – Decision Document (June 9, 2016)
6. FMAT/PDT Memo to Councils – Re: Revisions to Draft EA (May 27, 2016)
7. Draft MAFMC Motions on IFM (June 15, 2016)
8. Correspondence