



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Herring Advisory Panel
FROM: Cheri Patterson, Herring Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Meeting on April 11, 2023

The **Herring Advisory Panel** meets by **webinar** on **Tuesday, April 11** starting at **9:30 am**.
Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/apr-11-2023-herring-advisory-panel-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Council Priorities for 2023,
2. River Herring and Shad,
3. Revisit Amendment 8 Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure, and
4. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

Check the link in your email for the meeting materials or the meeting webpage. Contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103) with questions about documents.

1. Meeting overview memo from Herring Committee Chair
2. Agenda
3. Presentation, Council Staff
4. Memo from Herring PDT to Committee in reference to river herring and shad catch in the Atlantic herring fishery, 2020-2022
5. Revisit A8 Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure
 - a. Review of A8 case, GARFO staff
 - b. Opinion, US District Court of MA, Dkt No 47
 - c. Judgment, US District Court of MA, Dkt No 50
 - d. Background: Amendment 8
 - i. Council: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-8-2>
 - ii. GARFO: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-8-atlantic-herring-fishery-management-plan>
 - iii. GARFO Fishery Bulletins on Court Decision: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/court-order-vacates-inshore-midwater-trawl-restricted-area> and

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/no-appeal-court-order-vacating-inshore-midwater-trawl-restricted-area>

iv. Map of Inshore Midwater Trawl Restricted Area, GARFO

6. Meeting Summaries

- a. Herring Advisory Panel, Sept. 23, 2022
- b. Herring Committee, Sept. 23, 2022
- c. Council Motions, December 5-8, 2022

7. Correspondence

Meeting Topics

The following table outlines the key discussion questions and expected outcomes by topic. Please prepare motions and rationale in advance and email to jcournane@nefmc.org

Key discussion questions and expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Council Priorities for 2023</i>	3	Receive an overview of the Council's Atlantic herring priorities for 2023 and plan for the year.	Discussion.
<i>River Herring and Shad</i>	3 & 4	Discuss the Plan Development Team's analysis of factors contributing to the low 2020-2022 river herring and shad catch estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery. <i>Key discussion question:</i> Do you have any questions or additional considerations for the PDT?	Discussion/Tasking Motions.
<i>Revisit Amendment 8 Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure</i>	3 & 5a-d	Receive a summary of issues and discussion of next steps. <i>Key discussion question:</i> What should the next steps be?	Discussion/Motions.

Next Steps

April 2023

Herring Committee meets on April 12 by webinar: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/apr-12-2023-herring-committee-webinar>

Council meets April 18-20 via hybrid meeting in Mystic, CT and by webinar: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/april-2023-council-meeting>