

# Herring Committee Report

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# Outline of presentation

- 1. Review draft action plan for Herring Framework 8**  
*(FY2021-2023 specifications and consider adjusting herring measures that potentially inhibit the Atlantic mackerel fishery from achieving optimum yield).*
- 2. Summarize 2020 Herring FMP priorities**

*Agenda today: Potentially initiate Herring Framework 8*



# FW8 Draft Action Plan (Doc.#2)

- Objective – set specifications for 2021-2023 using most recent assessment (June 2020); adjust measures in herring plan that potentially inhibit OY in mackerel fishery.
- Timeline – Initiate Action - Jan 2020;  
PDT/AP/Cmte develop - Feb-Aug  
Final action - Sept 2020  
Target implementation - early spring 2021.
- NEPA analysis – Environmental Assessment expected.
- PDT membership – page 2.



# FW6 Specifications

	2020 (mt)	2021 (mt)
OFL	41,830	69,064
ABC	16,131	
Management Uncertainty	4,560	
ACL	11,571	
Border Transfer	100	
US at-sea processing	0	
Area 1A sub-ACL (28.9%)	3,344	
Area 1B sub-ACL (4.3%)	498	
Area 2 sub-ACL (27.8%)	3,217	
Area 3 sub-ACL (39%)	4,513	
Fixed gear set-aside	30	
Research set-aside (of subACLs)	3%	

RH/S catch caps	2020/2021 (mt)
MWT GOM	76.7
MWT CC	32.4
MWT SNE/MA	129.6
BT SNE	122.3

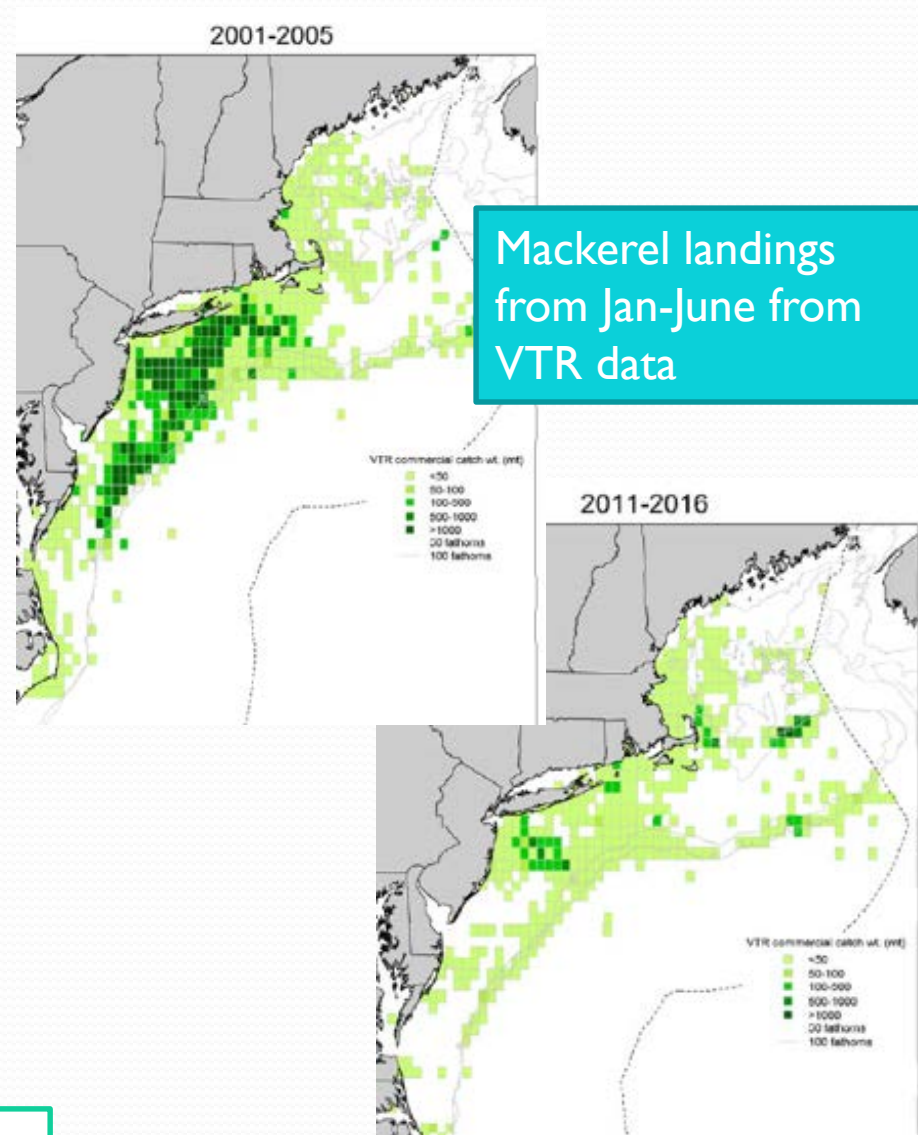
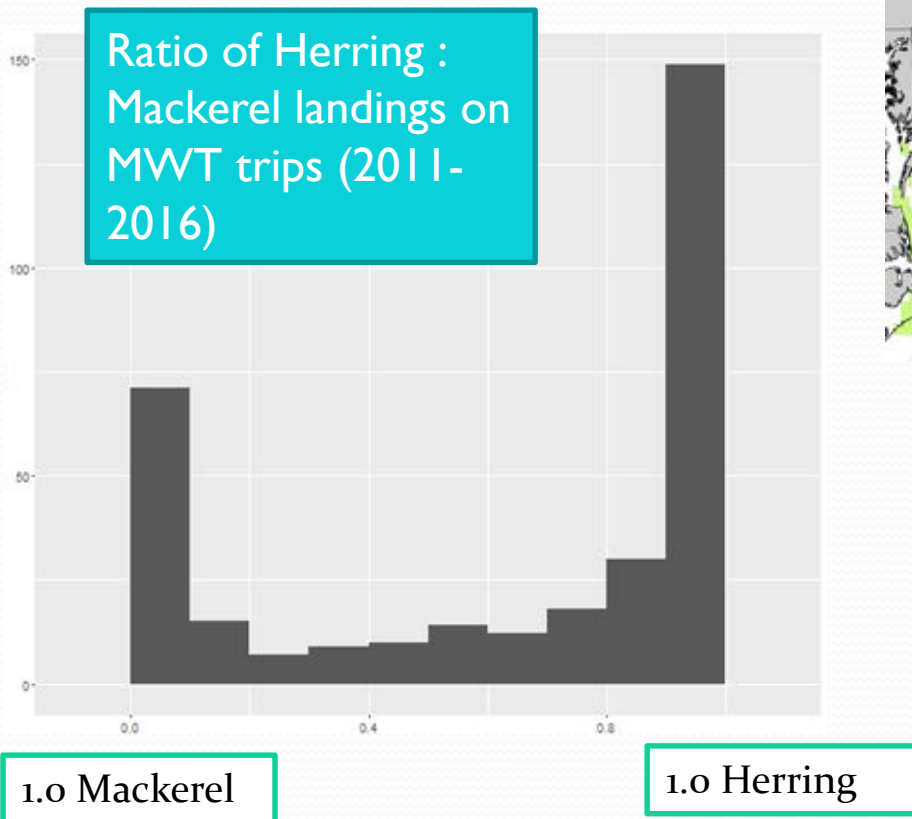


# Adjust measures that potentially inhibit mackerel fishery

- To date, two specific measures discussed for inclusion:
  1. Herring possession limit: currently when 92% of a sub-ACL for herring in a management area, or 95% of the total ACL is estimated to be caught, a herring possession limit is implemented (2,000 lbs.) in that area or fishery wide. This level of catch is not sufficient to target mackerel in most cases, idea to increase up to 40,000 lbs.)
  2. Seasonal closure of Area 1B: currently area closed Jan-Apr. Traditionally, mackerel fishing occurred in that area in the winter – closure of Area 1B limits access to mackerel.
- Other measures have been discussed (closure of Area 1A, spawning closures, GB haddock and RH/S catch cap AMs.), but these are not on the list for this action.

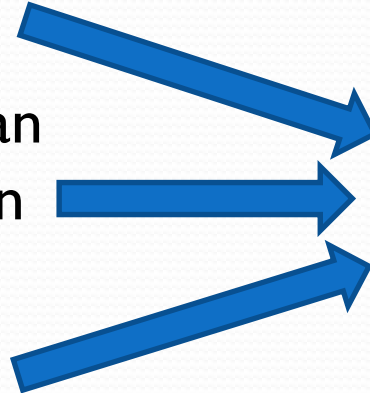
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- Herring and mackerel often caught together, many trips land both species.



# 2020 Herring FMP Priorities

1. 2021-2023 specifications
2. Action to adjust measures in herring plan that potentially inhibit optimizing yield in mackerel fishery
3. Atlantic herring management track assessment (June 2020)
4. Action to consider GB spawning closures



FW 8

- *Staff – coordination with MAFMC (discussion paper on coordinated mngt of RH/S)*
- *Staff – coordination with ASMFC (support PDT on Addendum III, track Area IA days out program, etc.)*



FW 7



# ASMFC Addendum III

- Fall 2019 – ASMFC Herring Board initiated addendum to add options to days out measures to address challenges experienced in low quota scenarios (*frequent starting and stopping of fishing and small amounts of quota left at the end of the year*).
- Dec/Jan - ASMFC PDT has met 4 times to develop action.
- Feb – ASMFC Board scheduled to review and approve for public comment.
- Feb/Mar – Public comment and hearings.
- May – Board selects options and final approval.
- Possibly in place for 2020 Area 1A season.



# ASMFC Addendum III – DRAFT OPTIONS

**Board has not met yet – these may change.**

- Quota Management Options
  1. SQ – board can select quota allocation options in specific bimonthly periods, trimesters, and seasons.
  2. Alternate seasonal quota allocation – 0% Jan-May; 100% June-Dec.
  3. Alternative trimester split – Jan-May (0%); Jun-Aug (80%); Sep-Dec (20%)
- Days out of the fishery Permit Provisions (June-Sept only)
  1. SQ - C and D permits only subject to landing day restrictions (not weekly landing limits). Cat A permits subject to both.
  2. Days out measures and weekly limits would apply to A, C and D permits.
- Weekly landing limit per vessel
  1. SQ – weekly landings limit process the same as now (Cat A vessels only).
  2. Same process, but removal of 45-day permit notification requirement.
  3. Weekly limit for all permit categories, no notification requirement.

# Agenda today

*Potentially initiate Herring Framework 8*

*Questions?*

