Background Information for Scientific and Statistical Committee Subpanel Meeting

November 17, 2026

Note: Documents are listed in reverse chronological order, from newest to oldest.

Draft Appendix III Atlantic Herring Plan Development Team Analysis for River Herring and Shad, June 11, 2026	This draft document includes PDT progress reports on Council tasks 1 (time/area closures) and 2 (catch caps), and a final PDT report for task 3 (improvements to RHS catch estimates) (See Final Motions, June 2024 NEFMC Meeting). These are the most recent updates for tasks 2 and 3.
Summary of Public Scoping Comments for Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan - June 17, 2024	This document summarizes the public scoping comments for Amendment 10.
Final Motions, June 2024 NEFMC Meeting	The Council received a summary of public scoping comments for Amendment 10 at the June 2024 Council meeting and passed three motions with PDT tasking regarding river herring and shad.
River Herring Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report – 2024	The river herring benchmark stock assessment was accepted for management use by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in August 2024. Of particular interest for the Herring PDT's work is the discussion regarding TOR 6: "If possible, develop methods to calculate a biologically-based catch cap or limit on bycatch of river herring in ocean fisheries."
Herring PDT Memo: River herring and shad catch in the Atlantic herring fishery, 2020-2022 - April 7, 2023	This PDT memo responded to the following 2023 Council priority for herring: "An analysis to investigate what combination of factors (e.g., sampling intensity, estimation methodology, inherent assumptions) may have led to low 2020-2022 GARFO shad/river herring bycatch estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery." The memo summarizes background information on river herring and shad, current river herring and shad catch caps and accountability measures, river herring and shad catch estimation methods, maps of Atlantic herring landings, observer coverage discussion, and trends in river herring and shad catch by catch cap. The document also includes a presentation of research on spatial and temporal genetic stock composition of river herring bycatch in the southern New England herring and mackerel fisheries (Reid et al. 2023).