

Observer Committee Motions 9/28/15



New England
Fishery Management Council

**NEFMC Meeting
September 29, 2015**

Omnibus Elements of IFM Amendment

That the Councils split the omnibus elements of the IFM amendment from the herring/mackerel coverage target options, and further refine the omnibus elements for another review in December, at which time the omnibus elements would be reviewed/approved for public comment.

Motion Carried 11-0-1



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Include/develop the monitoring set-aside options in the omnibus amendment

Motion Carried 11-0-1



Options for Herring IFM

That the Council remand the herring coverage target options (now as a separate management action) back to the Herring Committee for a clear purpose/need and additional discussion regarding data usage. Also, that the Council direct the Herring PDT to work with the NEFSC and other technical bodies to provide a thorough technical review of an industry-funded monitoring program for the herring fishery including observer/at-sea monitoring, portside sampling, and EM, in order to determine appropriate coverage levels based on the purpose/need identified by the Committee.



Motion Carried 11-0-1