

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Herring Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Herring PDT met on July 28, 2016 and via conference call on September 7, 2016 and September 15, 2017
- The Herring Advisory Panel (AP) met on August 16, 2016
- The Herring Committee met on August 17, 2016

B. 2016-2018 Atlantic Herring Specifications: The proposed rule has not been published yet.

C. Industry Funded Monitoring Amendment: The IFM PDT is working on completing the DEIS for public hearings scheduled for October.

D. Amendment 8: Analyses have begun on alternative acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules recommended through the MSE process and a second workshop is being planned for December 2016; the Committee has begun work on identifying a range of alternatives to address localized depletion.

E. Framework 5: The Herring PDT is developing analyses to support development of alternative accountability measures (AMs) for the the GB haddock sub-ACL allocated to the midwater trawl herring fishery.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation – September 20, 2016
2. Herring PDT Meeting Summary – July 28, 2016
3. Herring Advisory Panel DRAFT Meeting Summary – August 16, 2016
4. Herring Committee DRAFT Meeting Summary – August 17, 2016
5. Correspondence

Note: Documents specific to the framework to consider revising the Georges Bank haddock catch cap may be found under Tabs 3, Groundfish Framework 56.