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Dear Mr. Kendall and Committee Members:

I appreciated the opportunity to attend the recent herring MSE workshop in Portland to give input as a stakeholder to herring management. Our refuge has seven islands that host mixtures of nesting common, Arctic and roseate terns and a subset of those islands host puffins, razorbills, guillemots and other seabirds. We work in close collaboration with the members of the Gulf of Maine Seabird Working Group, which include the Canadian Wildlife Service, the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, several universities, and the National Audubon Society. Collectively, members manage Machias Seal Island, 11 colonies in Maine, White and Seavey Islands in New Hampshire, a multitude of small colonies in Massachusetts, and the large tern colony on Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge on Cape Cod. We all collect data on tern and alcid numbers, provisioning (diet composition of the chicks), and productivity. On some colonies this data has been collected since the mid-1980s.

We are very concerned with ensuring the availability of herring, as a high-lipid quality food source to support our nesting birds, and appreciate you taking into account the needs of predators when setting catch limits on herring. Although our birds do eat a wide variety of other fish, on some islands in some years in the past, herring has made up close to 80% of what they are feeding their chicks, with corresponding high productivity rates in those years. I have also attached 2 short power point presentations that show evidence of recent changes in the Gulf of Maine leading to declines in our bird productivity, especially east of the Penobscot River.

At the workshop, we were challenged to come up with indicators that cover the whole herring management area. Since common terns do cover that range, I suggested that their productivity (that is, the average number of chicks per nest that survive to fledge) might be a good indicator of when there are enough forage fish available to suit their needs. Our management plans suggest a target productivity of 1, so I suggested slightly less, or 0.8 as a rather random reduced productivity that might indicate less than ideal conditions.

After the workshop, I began to worry that this target might be too conservative, since many of the more south westerly colonies of common terns routinely have productivity above 1. So I looked at some productivity numbers and have attached them to this letter to give you a better idea of how the numbers look. Common terns are indicated by COTE, and the island list starts in the east and moves toward the southwest. I added the Arctic tern numbers as well. Blank spaces in the data are from years before a colony was restored, when a colony was abandoned for a year or more, or when (in the case of Arctic terns- ARTE) that species range does not usually extend to the westerly islands.

You can see that low productivity can be spotty and localized, so averaging all the islands' productivity in a given year would not be a good way to look at this as an indicator. It does appear, though, that "bad years" – presumably bad food years, although we would have to also look at the provisioning data for those years to confirm this- can be seen, as for example, 2004 and 2005 stand out in the common tern productivity table, so the suggested indicator does tell us something.

A problem with this indicator is that numbers are not available until the end of July, so changes in the herring catch control rules triggered by this indicator would lag, although since terns are feeding their chicks <10 cm fish, perhaps this does give important information about stock age structure to feed into your process. Our provisioning data, on the other hand, is collected from the time the chicks hatch in mid-June, so the absence of herring or conversely the presence of a substantial proportion of southern species like butterfish and lack of fish altogether that is then reflected in the birds feeding invertebrates to their chicks, could be noted and transmitted to you earlier in the summer.

Although Arctic terns only occur in large numbers from Muscongus Bay and east of there, so do not cover the whole herring range, we do think that their productivity may be something that is a more sensitive indicator that you may want to take into account. These birds are declining rapidly, and as their chart shows, their productivity numbers are frequently poor, especially when herring and similar fish are absent. Roseate terns, which are federally-endangered, would present a complimentary picture from Muscongus Bay to the west. Their numbers are also declining rapidly compared to the stable population of common terns.

I don't have the answers, but do want to reiterate that we are willing to work with you to find the best seabird-related indicator for your need to take into account adequate herring to support the predators in the ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Beth Goettel

Beth Goettel
Refuge Manager

P.S. I have attached some additional papers that may be of interest related to this issue. See next page.

Cury, Phillippe M. et al. Global Seabird Response to Forage Fish Depletion – One-Third for the Birds. *Science* Vol. 334, 23 December 2011.

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Goyert, Holly F., Foraging Specificity and prey utilization: evaluating social and memory-based strategies in seabirds. *Behaviour* 152 (2015) 861-895.

Kress, Stephen W. et al. Recent changes in the diet and survival of Atlantic puffin chicks in the face of climate change and commercial fishing in midcoast Maine, USA. *Facets*. 2016. 1:27-43.

Robertson, G.S. et al. Resource partitioning in three congeneric sympatrically breeding seabirds: Foraging areas and prey utilization. *The Auk* Vol. 131, 2014, pp.434-446.

Safina, Carl, et al. Evidence for Prey Limitation of Common and Roseate Tern Reproduction. *The Condor* 90:852-859. 1988.



May 22, 2016

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Attention: Thomas Nies, Executive Director

Re: Atlantic Herring Management Strategy Evaluation

Dear Tom:

I would appreciate your distribution of this letter to members of the Herring Plan Development Team, the Atlantic Herring Committee and the scientists involved in the Atlantic Herring Management Strategy Evaluation.

You are aware that the American Bluefin Tuna Association represents handgear tuna fishermen on the U.S. East Coast. ABTA (<http://www.theabta.com>) is actively involved in the international and domestic management of Atlantic bluefin tuna. In 2015, 3,129 vessels were issued General Category permits, 3,596 vessels were issued Charter/Heaboat (CHB) permits and 20,157 vessels were issued Recreational permits for Atlantic tunas. Our work and the ABTA-sponsored independent scientist's work on Atlantic Bluefin science benefits all of these fishermen and stakeholders of the herring resources.

ABTA appreciates the hard work of the Council in managing the herring fishery and equally appreciates the opportunity to contribute comments to the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) and the Council's first effort to successfully employ this process.

It is important for the MSE process to be 100% transparent to all at the beginning of this process and consequently we believe the widest possible net should be thrown for the purpose of accumulating stakeholder input and confidence. This includes the localized resource depletion issue for all concerned about adequate forage.

The importance of Atlantic Herring in the Gulf of Maine

Atlantic herring is identified as a primary food source for such species as bluefin, silver hake, Pollack, cod and spiny dogfish.¹ Annual consumption of Atlantic herring by four groups of predators, demersal fish, marine mammals, large pelagic fish and seabirds averaged just 58,000 t in the late 1970's, increased to 123,000 t between 1986 and 1989, 290,000 t between 1990 and 2004 and 310,000 t during the years 1998 to 2002. Demersal fish consumed the largest proportion of this total, followed by marine mammals, large pelagic fish and seabirds.²

Atlantic herring constitutes a significant portion of the diet of the following mammals in the Gulf of Maine: fin whale, minke whale, humpback whale, pilot whale, harbor porpoise, white-sided dolphin, harbor seal and grey seal.³

The negative effects of fluctuations in herring abundance in the Gulf of Maine on Atlantic bluefin tuna are well documented and well understood.^{4 5} In the Gulf of Maine, Atlantic bluefin tuna stands out as a predator species that is believed to be more highly dependent upon herring as forage (upwards of 50% of its diet) as compared with other predator species.

Shifts in the distribution of humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine in response to the collapse of herring stocks in the 1970s are also well documented. As herring declined, populations of sand lance (*Ammodytes* spp.: a competitor of herring) exploded, and humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine moved to areas with a greater abundance of sand lance. Consequently, scientists have concluded that changes in the abundance of herring may have led to major shifts in the distribution of humpback whales in the Gulf of Maine.⁶

How does Atlantic herring abundance affect Atlantic bluefin tuna?

The Standing Committee for Research and Statistics (SCRS), the scientific arm of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) stated in the Atlantic bluefin tuna stock assessment of 2010, in part, as follows:

¹ Link, J., Almeida, F., An Overview and History of the Food Web Dynamics Program of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Woods Hole MA, (2000) U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-NF-159

² Overholtz, W., Link, J., Consumption impacts by marine mammals, fish and seabirds on the Gulf of Maine – Georges Bank Atlantic herring (*Clupea harengus*) complex during the years 1977-2002, ICES Journal of Marine Science, Vol. 64, Issue 1, P. 83-96.

³ Read, A., Brownstein, C., Considering other Consumers: Fisheries, Predators and Atlantic Herring in the Gulf of Maine (2003) *Conservation Ecology* 7(1): 2

⁴ Golet, W., Lutcavage, M., Campbell, R., Cooper, A., Decline in condition of northern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Gulf of Maine, (2007) *Fishery Bulletin* 105.3: 390-395

⁵ Standing Committee for Research and Statistics, 2012 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment (2012), International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

⁶ Read, Brownstein. (2003) *Ibid.*

SCRS 2010/116 examined the question of whether observed decreases in commercial landings of western Atlantic bluefin tuna in the US fishery were due to declines in abundance or availability. The authors concluded that from 1979-2005, the mean longitude of bluefin schools shifted eastward >350 kilometers (-70.39 to -68.07°W), while mean latitude (40.92 - 42.73°W) alternated between the northern and southern Gulf of Maine.

The authors suggested that the redistribution of the Gulf of Maine foraging assemblage might be due in part to fish seeking more favorable forage offshore and northward to the Canadian Maritimes.⁷

The foregoing “redistribution hypothesis”, as it is known, is supported by the U.S. and Canadian Rod and Reel Index which showed a sustained dramatic increase in CPUE in the Canadian fishery concurrent with a sustained decrease in CPUE in the U.S. over the time series (10 years). This redistribution hypothesis was reiterated in subsequent stock assessments. The SCRS concluded that the explanation for this phenomenon, the shift in bluefin abundance eastward toward the Canadian Provinces and away from the Gulf of Maine, is lack of availability of forage.

It is important to note that there is evidence to suggest that Atlantic bluefin preferentially consume mature herring of a certain age/length, and this should be taken into account in any analysis of optimum yield of bluefin.⁸

The challenge

Consequently, the management of Atlantic herring as a standalone stock, with disregard for its critical role as a forage fish, would be “a fool’s errand”. Indeed, the UN FAO and major industrialized countries worldwide have been moving toward an ecosystem-based fishery management (EBM) approach to all commercially viable species for some time now. This means, by extension, that individual-species FMPs for species that inhabit the same food web must be adjusted to take into account the importance of the relationship between and among predator/prey species.

However, here in the U.S., there are statutory limits preventing NOAA or Regional councils from employing true or holistic “Ecosystem Based Management”. These include Magnuson Act guidelines for biological reference points requiring minimum abundance levels for individual species or groups of species which cannot be violated. Further, the Marine Mammal Protection Act does not allow passive or active control of the populations of marine mammals which are significant consumers of herring. Thus, it is important to recognize that only a limited, partial or hybrid form of ecosystem measure is available to effect positive changes in predator/prey balances and relationships. These limits on ecosystem management inescapable shift more of the burden of meeting fishery objectives with restrictions on mortality caused by fishermen.

⁷ Report of the 2010 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Stock Assessment Session (2010), Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (ICCAT), Madrid 2010, Executive Summary, P. 4

⁸ Logan M., Golet W., Lutcavage M., Diet and condition of Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Gulf of Maine, 2004-2008, *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, May 2015, Vol. 98, Issue 5, pp 1411-1430

This reality should, at least, be fully analyzed for the added burdens upon all fishermen and the alternative higher fishery benefits possible if overpopulated or lower valued species were allowed temporary or permanent assignment of a lower than maximum population size.

Large scale vs small scale management choices

Similarly, fishermen who target different species within the same food web using various gear types and harvesting methods will be competing for their equitable share of the resource. Vessel and fleet capacity and range are important components when studying ways to balance fishing effort on a given species in a spatial context.

A limited amount of the United States' EEZ remains open to all uses. Fishery management is moving away from individual management of each commercially viable marine species to a somewhat different form of management where science takes a more "holistic" view of the food web in a given region with a view toward bringing predator/prey relationships into better balance in an effort to correct imbalances and ensure sustainability and biodiversity.

Further, the issue of allowing access to coastal zones by all commercial vessels regardless of their harvesting ability is being addressed by Australia, the European Union and other countries with the intent to bring harvesting power or fleet capacity in-line with key elements such as species abundance. The lesson learned has been that small-scale, semi-industrial and industrial fishing elements are all interested in harvesting in locations that are a minimum distance from their homeport but, clearly, some vessels have a much greater range than others. It is the duty of the fishery managers, therefore, to devise a way to establish criteria that will allow for a better distribution of fishing effort to meet management goals.

Gulf of Maine Atlantic herring is an excellent example of a species that can benefit from this approach because it involves two important elements: herring is an important source of forage for numerous commercially viable species and herring is commercially exploited largely by a homogenous but small fleet of industrial vessels.

Sector Management is a fishery management tool utilized in the U.S. Atlantic herring fishery. It intends to distribute fishing effort throughout the region. However, sector management of this fishery is not sufficiently granular in its approach to allow for the needs of predator species that have historically showed a preference for inhabiting inshore areas.

What are some examples of other countries who are actively addressing this problem and what kind of solutions are they implementing?

First, Marine Protected Area (MPA's), as employed in the U.S., have been highly controversial for some time and there is a need for a clear differentiation of an MPA from a Marine Buffer Zone (MBZ). MBZ's could have simple objectives such as establishing gear separation schemes and as a tool to

protect multiple fisheries within selected boundaries. MBZ's need not be advocated by unsupportable claims of region wide resource protection but rather by benefits allowing optimization of the highest and safest yields by diversifying fishing effort and mortality across the range of species availability.

We should set aside the traditional view we hold here in the U.S. of the function of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) or a Marine Buffer Zone (MBZ). Outside of the U.S., MPAs are implemented for many different purposes, so we have to widen our view of what an MPA can accomplish in order to understand how other industrialized countries are using MPAs.

Already, there is vigorous discussion of moving single sector management of ocean areas to a precautionary system that "balances the use of living marine resources, energy and minerals from the deep ocean with maintenance of a productive and healthy marine environment."⁹ New Zealand uses Marine Protected Areas as follows:

- Preservation Zones (No entry)
- Marine National Park Zones (No take, some traditional use)
- Scientific Research Zones (No take, some traditional use)
- Buffer Zones (Trolling only, usually surround no-take zones)
- Conservation Park Zones (restricted fishing)
- Habitat Protection Zones (no trawling)
- General Use Zones
- Commonwealth Island Zones (no take, low impact activities)¹⁰

The New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries has already developed a framework for marine protected area policy, development and implementation.¹¹ New Zealand has also established benthic protected areas.¹²

The Australian Government has developed an elaborate system of marine buffer zones in the Great Barrier Reef.¹³

The EU is also using a buffer zone to delineate coastal areas where smaller commercial vessels with limited harvesting capacity are given exclusive access and therefore do not have to compete with larger industrial vessels for the same resource.

⁹ Mengerink, K., Van Dover, C., Ardrion, J., Baker, M., Escobar-Briones, E., Gjerde, K., Koslow, JA., Ramirez-Llodra, E., Lara-Lopez, A., Squires, D., Sutton, T., Sweetman, A., Levin, L., A Call for Deep-Ocean Stewardship (2014) Science, Vol. 344, P. 696-698

¹⁰ <http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/marine/marine-protected-areas/>

¹¹ <http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Environmental/Seabed+Protection+and+Research/MPA/default.htm>

¹² <http://www.fish.govt.nz/en->

[nz/Environmental/Seabed+Protection+and+Research/Benthic+Protection+Areas.htm](http://www.fish.govt.nz/en/Environmental/Seabed+Protection+and+Research/Benthic+Protection+Areas.htm)

¹³ <http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/zoning-permits-and-plans/zoning/zoning-guide-to-using-the-marine-park/interpreting-zones>

EU policy is a framework for each individual member-state to adopt and adapt to their local, existing conditions.¹⁴ Further, the EU Common Fisheries Plan has special provisions for protection of artisanal fisheries, in line with UN FAO recommendations.¹⁵ This is interesting, because the U.S. Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery is an artisanal fishery, as defined by the UN FAO and ICCAT.

Buffer zones have been shown to benefit catch and promote local fishery sustainability by providing exclusive access to certain areas by small-scale fishermen using low-impact gears, as well as recreational fishermen. To the foregoing, one can add non-fishing activities such as whale watching. This is particularly true when protecting certain forage species from excessive harvesting at vulnerable times and places such as nursery areas, traditional foraging areas or spawning aggregations.¹⁶

Management Strategy Evaluation – Comments

ABTA recommends an approach that establishes a strategic/conceptual objective of the MSE exercise, as follows: to ensure that Atlantic herring provide sufficient forage for fished predator species so that it is possible to continue to achieve optimum yield for those species.

1. The foregoing assumes a recognition of the desirability of a necessarily limited ecosystem-based approach to Atlantic herring in the MSE exercise. This should therefore be elevated to a “strategic objective”, in accordance with the protocol established by Dr. Andre Punt.¹⁷
2. To convert this strategic objective to a “performance measure” we should develop a “multi-species/multi-sector MSE” model or an “limited ecosystem MSE” model. A “limited ecosystem MSE” is more appropriate but will no doubt engender conflicts among stakeholders and will certainly add to the complexity of the MSE exercise. It would also have the benefit of providing clear recognition of the costs to the ecosystem and fisheries from overabundant low value predators and overpopulated marine mammals.
3. Localized Resource Depletion: This parameter can indeed be incorporated in the MSE. This step is necessary to ensure that herring provide sufficient forage for fished predator species in locations where foraging has historically taken place.
4. Converting LRD into a performance measure can be achieved in different ways. An example of performance metrics could be, for example, “the proportion of U.S. catch of Atlantic bluefin tuna caught within XX nm of the coast”, or simply, “catch of bluefin tuna by the XX and YY sectors”. The performance metrics should be as detailed as possible and reflect concerns regarding forage/predator relationships as expressed earlier in this letter.

¹⁴ Fock, H., Natura 2000 and the Common Fisheries Policy (2010), European Parliament’s Committee on Fisheries, Directorate General for Internal Policies

¹⁵ ftp://ftp.fao.org/fi/DOCUMENT/gfcm/mpa/2007/ReportMPA_2007-final.pdf

¹⁶ Roberts, C., Hawkins, J., Establishment of Fish Stock Recovery Areas (2012), European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies, Fisheries.

¹⁷ Punt, AE, (2015) Strategic management decision-making in a complex world: quantifying, understanding, and using trade-offs, ICES Journal of Marine Science, doi: 10.1093/icesjms/fsv 193

5. There are many ways to set up an operating model that examines the issues of LRD and limited ecosystem MSE. The Ocean Modeling Forum has been exploring similar issues for the West Coast Pacific sardine fishery. The question they have been addressing most recently has to do with the impact of sardine harvesting on predator species such as brown pelican and California sea lions. To do this, the scientists developed an operating model that was spatially structured (boxes from Mexico to Canada) and included sardine, anchovy and "other forage". Further, these scientists modeled the sardine harvest control rules as well as the interaction between the predator and prey species. We have uploaded to the ABTA website an important power point presentation given two weeks ago by Dr. Andre Punt at the Spring 2016 meeting of the Ocean Modeling Forum that discusses the modeling developed for the sardine fishery. This provides an excellent example to the NEFSC as to how a model can be developed to take into account the foregoing considerations. Here is the link: <http://www.theabta.com/news/>

ABTA appreciates the opportunity to express its views regarding the Management Strategy Evaluation.

Respectfully,

Richard P. Ruais, Executive Director
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Mr. John Bullard
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Dear John:

In accordance with provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, I have reviewed the only regulation included in the 2016-2018 Herring Specifications in order to deem whether it is consistent with the Council document and intent. The regulation re-instates the Herring Area 1A sub-ACL increase based on catch level in the New Brunswick weir fishery. This regulation was previously in the regulations but was removed with the last herring specification which did not include this New Brunswick weir fishery provision. This review is based on the draft regulatory text provided to the Council by email on May 19, 2016. I have concluded that the proposed regulation text is consistent with Council intent.

Please feel free to call me with any concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Nies
Executive Director

From: colleary@quikus.com [mailto:colleary@quikus.com]
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To: Rachel Feeney
Subject: Herring

Hello Ms. Feeney,

My name is Michael Colleary, I'm an Associate Member of the Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association. This note is to express my interest in protecting Herring from being overfished by Large commercial vessels. The forage fish like Herring are a resource that are a foundation to so many marine species. I fish commercially for Bluefin Tuna as a Crew member and Recreationally as a customer of Charter Boats. The lively hoods of so many are impacted when fish like Herring extracted in mass quantities. Please Consider this message a request to keep Large Commercial Trawlers Off shore.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Colleary
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Amendment 8 Re-Scoping comment

"AMENDMENT 8 HERRING SCOPING DOCUMENT COMMENTS"

Dear Tom,

I'm submitting this Amendment 8 comment on behalf of the membership of the Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association. We previously commented during the original scoping period for Amendment 8, in which we supported efforts to protect the forage base in our inshore waters. We reiterate this support and also encourage the Council to take steps to address the specific problem of inshore depletion caused by the mid water trawl fleet.

Though the summer buffer zone (Purse Seine/Fixed Gear Only rule) has done an enormous amount of good, it has not been enough to protect the areas our members rely on. First, many problems occur every October when the summer buffer zone expires and the boats can come back in. Last year was a prime example, as they fished hard around the tuna fleet off of southern Jeffrey's Ledge as soon as the area reopened. Then, after the Area 1A quota was filled, they fished for mackerel for weeks on Stellwagen through exemptions they are now being given under the Research Set Aside (RSA) program—and they did so with almost no observer coverage. Second, these big boats can fish just miles off Cape Cod year-round, another area that is critical to many of our members. This happened most recently in May.

Instead of fishing well offshore, where you would expect 150-foot pair trawlers to fish, they are constantly fishing right off the beach. And they often choose areas that are supporting fleets of small inshore fishermen at the time. While the exact location may change from year to year, the result is always the same. The herring is wiped out, the

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predators are driven away, and the fishermen suffer. The trawlers also cause long-term problems for the area that is chosen—these areas are not the same for years after they are hit hard. This fleet has shown time after time that they cannot use this gear without hurting everyone else in the area.

The Council can finally put an end to this problem by giving our inshore waters year-round protection from the mid water trawl fleet. We urge you to do two things. First, the Council should extend the Area 1A buffer zone from four months to twelve months. Second, the Council should also create a new buffer zone off of Cape Cod that is similar in distance-from-shore of the buffer in 1A. This was supposed to happen during Amendment 1, but it never materialized.

It's unacceptable to allow a few large, small-mesh trawlers to ruin the inshore ecosystem and the livelihoods of so many others fishermen. Please take this opportunity to finally get these boats out of the inshore area we all rely on to make a living.

Thank you.

David Waldrip
President
Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association



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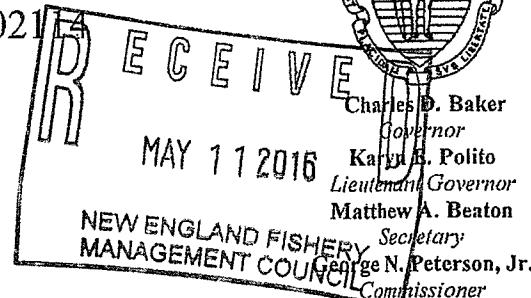
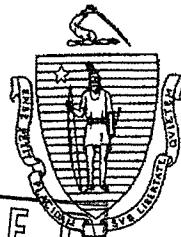
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Re: Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Designee

Dear Mr. Bullard and Mr. Stockwell:

I write, per 50 CFR §600.205, to appoint Catherine E. O'Keefe, PhD. as my official designee to act on my behalf on the Sea Herring Committee of the New England Fishery Management Council.

Ms. O'Keefe, a full-time employee paid solely by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recently joined the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries after years of experience working as a Research Assistant Professor at UMass Dartmouth's School for Marine Science & Technology. Catherine received her Doctorate in Living Marine Resources and is currently a member of the Monkfish, Red Crab, and Scallop Plan Development Teams. Cate will make many significant contributions to the Sea Herring Committee as my designee.

Sincerely,

David E. Pierce
Director

Cc: Dan McKiernan, MA DMF
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2016 Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Specifications

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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service has approved the Atlantic mackerel specifications and river herring and shad catch cap for the 2016 through 2018 fishing years, as well as additional management measures in the squid and butterfish fisheries.

A full summary of information about Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish fishery regulations is available online at

<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sustainable/species/msb/index.html>.

Change Effective Immediately (April 26, 2016)

Vessels with a longfin squid and butterfish moratorium permit are no longer required to call into the pre-trip notification system.

All of the following changes will go into effect on May 26, 2016.

2016 Commercial and Recreational Quotas

The table below shows the 2016 quotas for each species. The quotas for *Illex* and longfin squid are unchanged from 2015. The butterfish quota is reduced by 1,488 mt from 2015. The Atlantic mackerel commercial quota is reduced by 11,695 mt from 2015, and the recreational harvest limit is reduced by 783 mt from 2015. The butterfish mortality cap is the same as it was in 2015.

Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish 2016 Quotas (mt)				
	Mackerel	Butterfish	<i>Illex</i>	Longfin
Recreational Harvest Limit	614	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH/quota)	9,177	21,042	22,915	22,445
Tier 3 Mackerel Allocation (7% of DAH)	102	N/A	N/A	N/A
Butterfish Mortality Cap in longfin squid fishery				3,884

The longfin squid DAH is allocated into trimesters as follows:

Trimester	Percent	Metric Tons
I (Jan-Apr)	43	9,651
II (May-Aug)	17	3,816
III (Sep-Dec)	40	8,978
Total	100	22,445

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.

2016 River Herring and Shad Catch Cap in the Atlantic Mackerel Fishery

The river herring and shad catch cap is 82 mt. Once the Atlantic mackerel fishery catches 95 percent of the river herring and shad cap (77.9 mt), the directed Atlantic mackerel fishery will be closed and vessels will be limited to a 20,000-lb incidental catch trip limit for the remainder of the fishing year.

2017 and 2018 Atlantic Mackerel Specifications and River Herring and Shad Catch Cap

The Atlantic mackerel specifications will remain the same in 2017 and 2018 as those specified for the 2016 fishing year. The river herring and shad catch cap will also remain the same for the 2017 and 2018 fishing years.

Changes to Squid and Butterfish Management Controls

Vessels with a longfin squid and butterfish moratorium permit can now possess up to 5,000 lb of butterfish using a net with mesh 3 inches or smaller. It has also been clarified in the regulations that vessels are allowed to use 5-inch (square or diamond mesh) or greater net strengtheners.

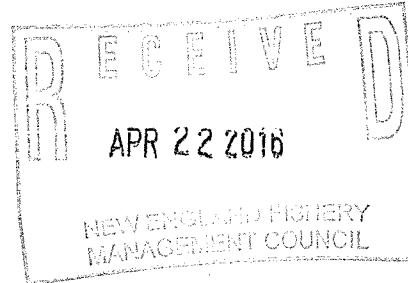


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E.F. "Terry" Stockwell, III, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
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Dear Terry:



Thank you for the February 5, 2016, letter outlining the New England Fishery Management Council's support for using state portside data to monitor fishery catch caps in the Atlantic herring fishery.

In January 2016, the Council approved a motion requesting NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to use portside sampling data, in addition to NMFS observer data, to monitor catch caps in the herring fishery. My staff is evaluating the feasibility of using state portside sampling data to monitor the haddock and river herring/shad catch caps. We are also considering ways to integrate those data with our current monitoring methods. I will provide an update on our findings at an upcoming Council meeting.

Effective catch monitoring is a priority that we share with the Council. I appreciate the Council's efforts to improve catch monitoring and look forward to working with the Council on ongoing monitoring improvements in all fisheries. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John K. Bullard
Regional Administrator

Cc: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council
Richard B. Robins, Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Dr. Christopher M. Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council



Dear Chairman Stockwell,

Sorry for the delay and missing
the deadline on the comment period,
but here are 550+ signatures
from regional fishermen, concerned
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of Amendment 8, the control rule.
I hope the council takes these
names under consideration. These
individuals truly want to ensure
our ecosystem is managed. Thank
you!

Sincerely,
Anthony J. Cherry
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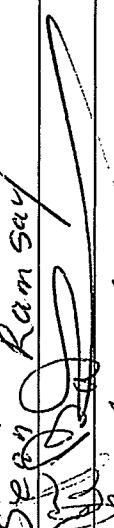
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