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MEMORANDUM

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To: ASMFC Atlantic Herring Section
From: Mark Robson, Law Enforcement Committee Coordinator
Subject: Law Enforcement Committee comments on Addendum V

Members of the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission reviewed the management options contained in Atlantic Herring Addendum V for consideration of any law enforcement concerns or issues. The review was based on 3 components of the addendum:

- 1) Refining the sampling protocol for spawning area closures.
- 2) Considering a mechanism to shift the boundary between areas based on sampling data.
- 3) Consolidating all regulations into one primary management document.

No concerns or issues were raised by LEC members regarding these management measures. Current management allows for changes in spawning area seasons depending on the availability of sampling data, and no additional problems are foreseen with a mechanism to change boundaries provided that timely notification of such changes is integral to the process. The LEC is supportive of efforts to consolidate and standardize regulations into one primary management document.

The LEC appreciates the opportunity to review this addendum and provide input.