

**Joint Herring Section-Committee Meeting
June 20, 2005
Eastland Park Hotel
Portland, ME**

MOTIONS PASSED BY THE HERRING SECTION

Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY), Section 2.5

That the Section preferred alternative for MSY be Option 2 (220,000 mt proxy).

The motion carried.

Determining the Distribution of Area-Specific TACs, Section 4.2.1

That the Section preferred alternative for determining the distribution of area-specific TACs be Option 2 (consideration of other analytical approaches).

The motion carried.

TAC Set-Asides to Support Herring-Related Research, Section 4.2.3

That the Section preferred alternative for research set-asides be Option 2 (authorize establishment of Research Set-Asides during specification process).

The motion carried.

Timing of the Herring Fishery Specification Process, Section 4.2.2

That the Section preferred alternative for the timing of the specification process be Option 3 (three-year process).

The motion carried.

Adjustments to Management Area Boundaries, Section 2.4.1

That the Section preferred alternative for adjustments to management area boundaries be Option 2 (redefine Area 3).

The motion carried.

Measures to Address Fixed Gear Fisheries, Section 4.3.4

No motion for a preferred alternative carried.

Collection of Bycatch Information and Bycatch Monitoring, Section 3.5

No motion for a preferred alternative for bycatch information and monitoring provisions carried.

Effort Control Measures, Section 4.3.1

No motion for a preferred alternative for days out of the fishery carried.

Spawning Restrictions, Section 4.3.2

That the Section preferred alternative for establishment of spawning area restrictions be Option 1 (status quo).

The motion carried.

Internal Water Processing, Section 4.3.3

That the Section preferred alternative for IWP operations be Option 3 (prohibition of IWPs processing herring in all state waters).

The motion carried.

Motion to approve for public comment Draft Amendment 2 to the Interstate Herring Fishery Management Plan, including any and all changes to the document made during today's meeting. Motion carries.