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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2021
TO: Herring Advisory Panel (AP) and Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Herring Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Charge to AP and Committee for September 13 and 15 meetings**

There will be a Herring AP webinar on Monday, September 13 at 1:00 PM. The Herring Committee will have a webinar meeting two days later Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM.

Purpose: The primary purpose of these meetings is to make final recommendations for Framework 9, an action to implement a rebuilding plan for Atlantic herring that was declared overfished and potentially adjust herring accountability measures (AMs). The second purpose of the meeting is to provide initial recommendations for 2022 work priorities for the Herring FMP. Under Other Business, NOAA Fisheries staff will provide a brief update on IFM implementation to date.

As documents are available they will be posted on the Council website for this meeting (<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-15-2021-herring-committee-meeting>).

Please take time to familiarize yourself with the documents before the meeting.

Both meetings will begin with introductions followed by a staff presentation (Document #2). The AP and Committee will first review Framework 9 alternatives and draft analyses prepared by the PDT (Documents #3, #4, and #5). **There are two action items; be prepared to make final recommendations for both actions: rebuilding plan and overage alternatives.**

Next, there will be an opportunity to provide initial input on work priorities for 2022 (Document #6). **Review the draft list of work priorities and be prepared to approve the list as drafted or make additional suggestions for potential work priorities for the Herring Committee.** If time permits, staff from NOAA Fisheries will share information available to date on IFM implementation, which became fully effective on July 1, 2021.

The format and logistics for these webinars will be similar to recent Council and Committee meetings. If you are not very familiar with participating in a Council webinar please review the staff presentation, "[Remote Participation Guide](#)" for instructions on how to take part in the webinar meeting. Note that you must register for the webinar if you plan to provide oral comments. Those who call-in by telephone without registering for the webinar and entering the PIN provided will be in listen-only mode.

All advisors and Committee members are requested to sign-in about ten minutes before the meeting starts to test your audio controls. Both meetings are expected to run four hours or so; therefore, please come prepared to make motions to help keep the meeting on track. If you plan to make motions, please email them to staff (dboelke@nefmc.org) and the Committee Chair before or during the meeting (rickbellavance@gmail.com). If you have any logistical issues with the webinar during the meeting please call Rachel Feeney on the Council staff at (978) 465-0492 ext. 110. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Deirdre Boelke (dboelke@nefmc.org; (978) 465-0492 ext. 105).