

Draft Herring Work Priorities for 2019

For AP and Committee Consideration – September 2018

Priority Item	Status	2019 Workload notes
Amendment 8 MSE for ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts	Ongoing Final action expected in September 2018 Implementation expected in mid-2019	Some resources needed by handful of PDT members to complete FEIS and implement Amendment.
2019-2021 Specs Fishery allocations for 2019-2021	Initiate and complete second half of 2018 – OR Delay until after A8 implemented – develop in 2019 instead for 2020-2021.	Substantial resources needed to develop and complete framework action whether in 2018 or 2019.
2018 in-season adjustment	Council requested 2018 action in June 2018 – effective August 2018	Some resources needed by handful of PDT members to develop and implement these actions.
2019 in-season adjustment	Council may request 2019 action in Sept 2018 – effective early 2019	
<i>Other work items for 2019</i>		
IFM Amendment	Final action in April 2017 Council reviewed and deemed EM pilot project in April 2018 Council deemed IFM regs in May 2018 Implementation in 2019	Some resources needed by handful of PDT members and other Council staff.
Coordinate with ASMFC and MAFMC, including support for RH/S TEWG	Not sure what ASMFC herring or MAFMC mackerel work is planned for 2019 yet.	Some resources needed by some PDT members. Some input may be requested by AP and/or Cmte.
RSA Program Review	Report being drafted, online and in-person interviews for some herring stakeholders expected in 2018.	Some resources needed by some PDT/AP and Committee members. Work expected to spill into part of 2019.

PDT Recommendations to consider (based on discussion at August 1, 2018 PDT meeting)

1. Review and possibly adjust reporting requirements – specifically related to carrier vessels.
Herring AP – are there any parts of the reporting requirements that are unclear or redundant?
2. NEFMC host third MSE workshop or other opportunity to solicit feedback on herring MSE process (possibly second half of 2019 when Amendment 8 is effective and final action on specs is complete).
3. Recommend NRCC or other appropriate group discuss the specifics and timing of a review of the herring MSE – 5-10 years? When can that be integrated into the overall schedule of work items? Will want to know in advance so models can be updated etc.
4. Analysis of previous actions implemented in the Herring FMP – have they been effective, are they meeting intended goals? PDT could lead this work, with potential outside support if needed.