



New England Fishery Management Council

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Atlantic Herring: Council Conducts “Debrief” on MSE Process for ABC Control Rule; Tell Us How You Think it Went!

The New England Fishery Management Council is seeking public comment on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process that was used to develop and analyze alternatives for a new acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule in Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The MSE process involved more public input through workshops and technical analysis earlier in the amendment development process than normal. Comments on the process are welcome until 8 a.m. on August 9, 2019.

This was the first time the Council used MSE in decision-making. The Council now is taking a step back to debrief and identify the benefits and/or drawbacks of the MSE process, as well as lessons learned. The Council especially wants to hear from: (1) stakeholders who were involved in the MSE process and attended a workshop; and (2) people who are invested in the future of herring management.

More specifically, the Council would like to know your thoughts and perspectives on topics such as:

- Clarity of the purpose and need for using MSE;
- How well the MSE process was understood;
- How well the Council used the MSE results and workshop input in Amendment 8; and
- How using the MSE process compared to other ways the Council could have developed alternatives.

More information, including details about how to submit comments, can be found in the MSE Debrief document, which is available through the first Quick Link on the Council’s Atlantic herring webpage:

➤ www.nefmc.org/management-plans/herring

The document contains a timeline listing next steps.

Download a Copy of the MSE Debrief Document
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Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT for Management Strategy Evaluation Debrief



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Deadline: 8:00 a.m., August 9, 2019

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