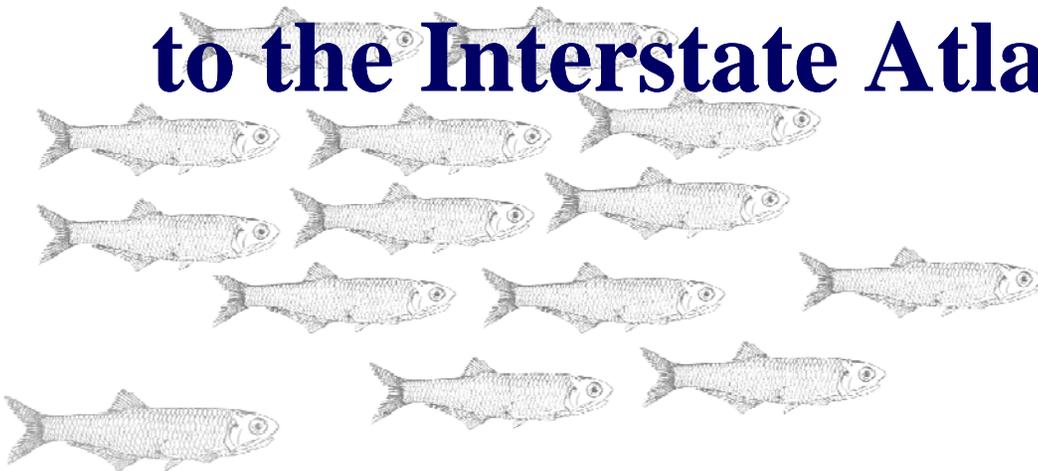




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restoration well in progress by 2015*

Draft Addendum VI to the Interstate Atlantic Herring FMP

**for Section Review
May 2013**





Introduction

**February
2013**

Draft Addendum for public
comment developed



**May
2013**

**Section reviews draft,
makes necessary changes**



**Current
step**



Public Comment Period



Section review,
Selection of management measures,
Final approval





Introduction

NEFMC's Framework Adjustment 2

- **2013-2015 Specifications**
- **Authorizes seasonal splitting by month.**
- **Establishes policy for annual carryover of up to 10% of unused sub-quota .**
- **Accountability measures**

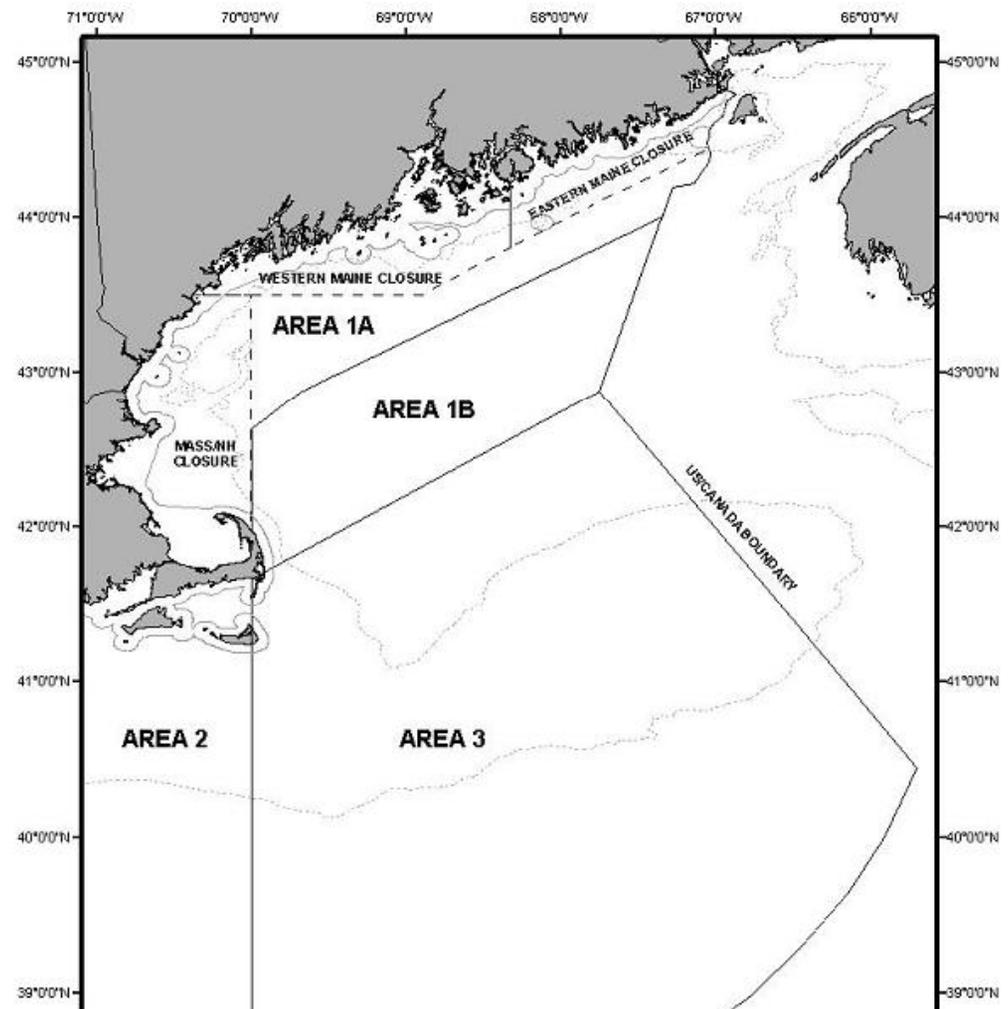




Statement of Problem

The current Interstate FMP:

- Has a trip limit trigger and seasonal splitting for Area 1A, but not for Areas 1B, 2, and 3.
- Does not allow for quota rollover.

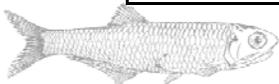




Background

107,800 mt distributed to management areas

2013-2015 Sub-ACLs for Atlantic Herring in Metric Tons	
1A	31,200
1B	4,600
2	30,000
3	42,000
Fixed Gear Set-aside (1A)	295
Research Set-aside (2014-2015 only)	3% of each sub-ACL





Proposed Management Measures

Issues in Draft Addendum VI:

- 1) Seasonal Splitting of Quota
- 2) Quota Rollover
- 3) Harvest Control Measures: Trip Limit Triggers
- 4) Specification Process for Sub-ACL Triggers





Issue 1. Seasonal Splitting for Areas 1B, 2, and 3



Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Allow states to seasonally split the sub-ACLs to maximize value to the Atlantic herring fisheries. The actual splits would be set as part of the specifications process.





Issue 2. Quota Rollover for All Areas



Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Allow for up to 10% of unused quota in a management area to carry over to the first fishing season with landings data, provided that the total ACL is not exceeded.





Issue 3. Trip Limit Triggers For All Areas



Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Establish a trigger to close directed fisheries in a management area when **92%** of the sub-ACL is reached, and then close the stock-wide fishery when **95%** of the total ACL is reached. A 2,000 pound bycatch allowance will continue when the directed fishery is closed.





Issue 4. Specification Process

Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Sub-ACL triggers will be set using the annual specification process.





Research Set-aside

- Section discussed RSA, but did not motion to include an option for research set-aside (February 2013).





Board Action

- Consider approval of Draft Addendum VI for public comment.

