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for all Atlantic coast fish species or successful  
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# **Draft Addendum VI to the Interstate Atlantic Herring FMP**

**for Section Review – Final Approval**

**August 2013**





# Introduction

**February  
2013**

Draft Addendum for public  
comment developed



**May  
2013**

Section reviews draft,  
makes necessary changes



**June-July  
2013**

Public Comment Period



**August  
2013**

**Section review,  
Select management measures,  
Final approval**

**Current  
step**





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# Introduction

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## 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**

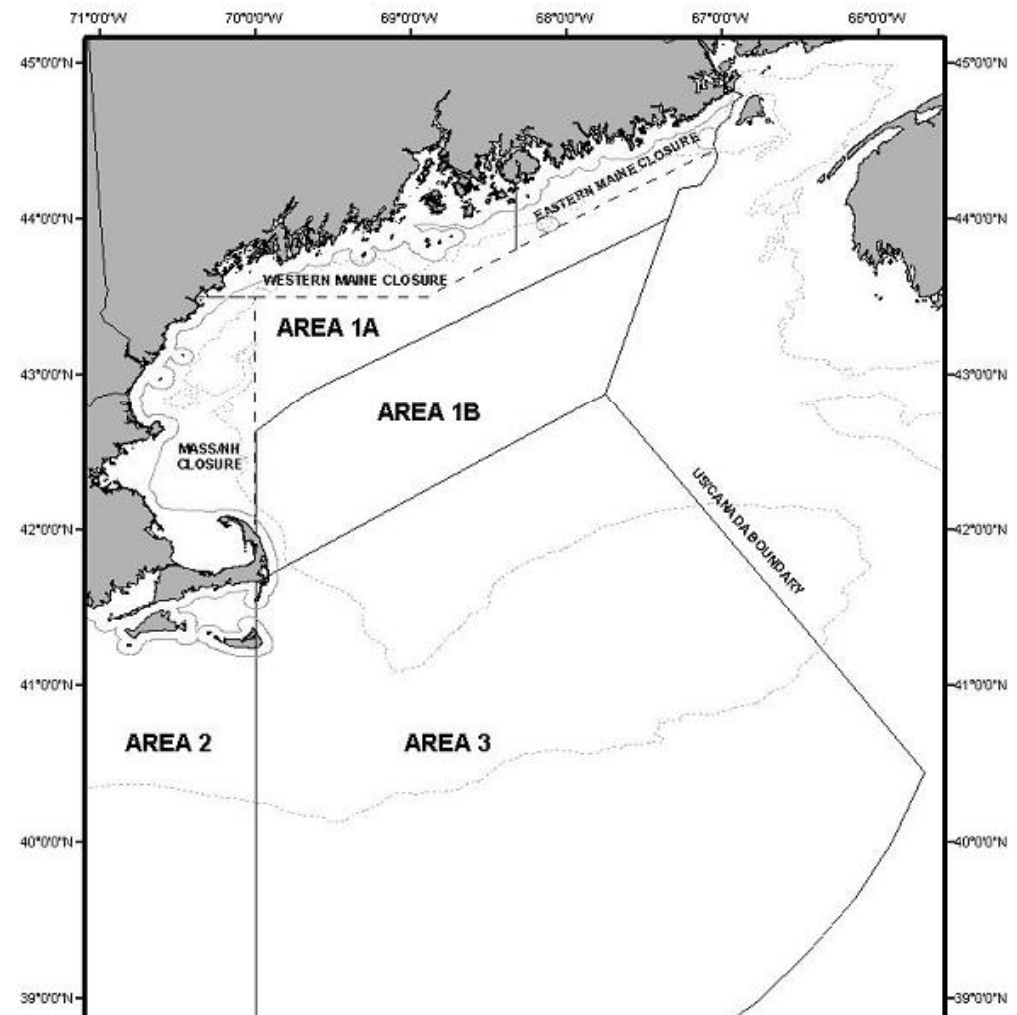




# Statement of Problem

**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.**

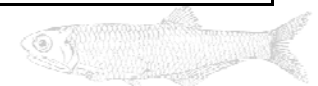




# Background

**107,800 mt distributed to management areas**

<b>2013-2015 Sub-ACLs for Atlantic Herring in Metric Tons</b>	
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





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# **Proposed Management Measures**

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## **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**





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

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**Option 1:** Status Quo: No seasonal splitting for Areas 1B, 2, and 3.

- Seasonal splitting will still be allowed for Area 1A

**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.







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## Issue 2. Quota Rollover for All Areas

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**Option 1:** Status Quo: No rollover for Areas 1B, 2, and 3.

- Area 1A will continue to have a rollover provision

**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.







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## Issue 3. Trip Limit Triggers For All Areas

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**Option 1:** Status Quo: No trip limit triggers for Areas 1B, 2, and 3.

- Directed fishery in Area 1A will reduce to a 2,000-lb bycatch allowance if **95%** of the sub-ACL is reached.

**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.





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## Issue 4. Specification Process

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**Option 1:** Status Quo: Sub-ACL triggers will be set using the addendum process.

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





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# Summary of Public Comments

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- **3** public hearings: NH, ME, MA
- **3** participants total (0 in 2 meetings)
- **0** written comments received
- General support for alternative options for each issue.





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# Committee Reports

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- **Technical Committee**
- **Advisory Panel**





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# Board Action

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- Consider approval of Draft Addendum VI for **final approval.**

