

## Herring Final Action, Sept 25th

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To:mcmanused@msn.com <mcmanused@msn.com>;

Good Afternoon Ed, Hope you're doing well and I apologize if my correspondence has already reached you in another form.. I've sent this similar message to the town managers to share with their boards, but wanted to make sure you and your fellow SCA members received it as well!

We've reached the end of the road on our herring campaign. In the past year, we've made our voice heard by pushing the council to release herring Amendment 8 and conduct a series of seven public hearings throughout the region. Many people contributed at the in person hearing on June 19th and submitted letters of support this summer and last fall. Because of that we're very excited to share that the New England Fishery Management Council will be making its FINAL DECISION on the midwater trawl buffer zone and herring control rule on September 25". We're particularly excited because the meeting will be held just a stone's throw away at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, MA around 1:30 PM (I'm optimistic we'll stay on schedule).

As you may have seen from our other correspondence, our goal is to pack the room with the people for whom this decision is so important. We are not asking for any official comments to be made since you've already done that (although you're welcome to if you feel compelled)! We do hope that you can be there even as an individual to show the council how much our cape community cares about the issue, and that we're willing to see it to the end.

If you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, please let me know. In two short weeks, 15 years of effort is coming to an end, and we'd so grateful if you were part of it. Hope to see and talk to you soon!

Thank you and please feel free to share this message-my phone number is listed below if you have any questions! Sincerely, Amanda Cousart

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Secretary Gallaudet,

As elected officials of Cape and Islands communities, local scientific institution leaders, and business leaders we are writing to urge you to keep the Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole. This prime geographic location is home to preeminent ocean research institutions which have made Woods Hole world renowned for marine science discovery and innovation. Within this community, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center has a long history of successful research collaboration with other top institutions. Maintaining the Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole will continue to foster scientific collaboration, insulate NOAA science from corporate and political influence, and ensure that hundreds of families are not uprooted from their homes and forced to move.

Within two blocks of Woods Hole village, you can visit the world's top ocean science institutions. These organizations often collaborate on projects and share best practices to improve themselves, each other, and the scientific community as a whole. Like Harvard and MIT in Cambridge, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Marine Biological Laboratory of Woods Hole, the Woods Hole Research Center and NOAA Fisheries benefit from scientific collaboration that is a direct result of being close neighbors. The synergy between marine science institutions makes Woods Hole the ideal location to for research and innovation.

Not only is NOAA a scientific asset to the Cape, it is also a robust economic driver for our 23 towns on the Cape and Islands. NOAA in Woods Hole employs about 275 people and the vast majority of them have families and homes on Cape Cod and the Islands. Across the Cape and Islands, there are under 100 employers with over 200 employees so our economy is heavily dependent on NOAA's good paying, year round jobs. Uprooting these families and moving these jobs off the Cape will devastate our local communities and have a significant negative impact on our economy.

The recent Business Case Analysis report on the Woods Hole Area Northeast Marine Fisheries Science Center makes it clear that the facility should remain in Woods Hole. It states that the

Woods Hole Laboratory(WHL) is “an indispensable facility” for meeting the organization’s needs. Of the five alternatives that the report proposes as solutions to the WHL’s operational needs, all five entail maintaining or expanding facilities on land in Woods Hole. The optimal solution involves the acquisition of land close to the existing facilities. The United States Geological Survey is headquartered in Woods Hole which provides an opportunity to partner with them on a facility. This would allow NOAA Fisheries to more efficiently use federal dollars by cost sharing services with USGS on operations like security, transportation, and maintenance while keeping the facility in the world hub for ocean science in Woods Hole.

For decades, the Woods Hole community has embraced and supported the vital work of NOAA Fisheries, and, in turn, NOAA has enriched the scientific and economic ecosystem of Cape Cod. We urge NOAA fisheries to continue this mutually-beneficial relationship by remaining in Woods Hole.

Sincerely,

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**Proposed mobile gear restriction for herring management areas within territorial waters surrounding Cape Cod and the Islands**

**Red line denotes 12-mile territorial waters boundary**

- 97% of herring management areas would be unaffected by proposed restriction

