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Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

Anglers want buffer zone for trawlers

by Capt. Dave Monti

Fifty fishermen attended the Atlantic herring public hearing conducted by the New England Fisheries Management Council (Council) on May 22, 2018 at the University of Rhode Island Bay Campus in Narragansett.

Of the approximately eighteen comments made by fishermen at the hearing, fifteen advocated for recognizing Atlantic herring as a forage fish when considering catch limits.

Most of those testifying were



New England
Fishery Management
Council



Atlantic herring is a valuable food source for sharks, cod, tuna, whales and sea birds

recreational anglers and members of RISAA.

The Council scheduled a series of public hearings on Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan.

The purpose of the hearings was to solicit comments on the amendment's two major components, which include alternatives to establish a long-term acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule that account for herring's role in the ecosystem and alternatives to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts.

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GREG VESPE
displays a spring tautog that he landed on May 8 while fishing with B.J. Silvia

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