

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council met during August 2008 for its initial meeting to review alternatives for Framework 2 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP. Framework 2 is a single-action framework adjustment intended to improve the timeliness and efficiency of incorporating the best available scientific information available, consistent with National Standards 1 and 2, into the annual specification process for this stock. The Mid-Atlantic Council's Final Framework 2 meeting is scheduled for October 2008, and the New England Council's final meeting on Framework 2 is scheduled for November 18-20, 2008.
- The Joint Dogfish Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. A Dogfish Committee Meeting is anticipated for November 17, 2008, prior to the November 18-20 New England Council meeting to develop recommendations for the Council to consider regarding the FY2009 dogfish fishery specifications. Following the Joint Committee meeting, the New England Council will develop its recommendations regarding the FY2009 specifications.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Review of Draft Framework 2 Document (no Council action is required until the final meeting in November.)

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Framework 2 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP