

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Interspecies Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Interspecies Committee met April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A meeting summary is attached.
- B. Interspecies staff is developing a white paper on a programmatic EIS for the fisheries.
- C. The Committee will consider at its next meeting whether to adopt the Fleet Visioning Project's "Fleet Vision" report as its vision for the fleet.
- D. The Committee submitted comments on behalf of the Council on NOAA's Draft Catch Share Policy. A copy of the letter is attached.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Decide whether to pursue consolidation of multispecies, skate, and monkfish FMPs, and whether to reach out to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council for consultations on monkfish.
- B. Consider whether to develop accumulation limits for groundfish sectors or individual permit holders to meet the following goals: to comply with National Standard 4 and to define and prevent excessive consolidation in order to maintain some fleet diversity.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Interspecies Committee Meeting Summary, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.
- 2. Letter to NOAA Fisheries with comments on NOAA's Draft Catch Share Policy dated April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.