

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Omnibus Sector Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Omnibus Sector Committee met on April 26 in Danvers, MA.
- B. Omnibus Sector Amendment. The NEFMC approved terms of reference for the Omnibus Sector Committee that include tasking the Committee to develop an omnibus amendment for all NEFMC fishery management plans that would enable those plans to implement sector management programs in a consistent manner. The terms of reference specify that the amendment should be developed within one year. The Committee has addressed the issues and questions raised by the Council in the terms of reference memorandum, as well as other issues and questions raised during its deliberations. The Committee Chair is asking the Council for approval of the Committee's recommendations and clarifications as contained in the June 6 memo, and for a decision whether to adopt the recommendations as a policy to be transmitted to individual species committees for their development of sector programs, or to continue with the development of an omnibus amendment.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approval of the Sector Committee recommendations
- B. Decision on whether to adopt the recommendations as a policy to be transmitted to individual species committees for their development of sector programs, or to continue with the development of an omnibus amendment

III. INFORMATION

- A. June 6 memorandum from Committee Chair to Council members
- B. Meeting summary for April 26