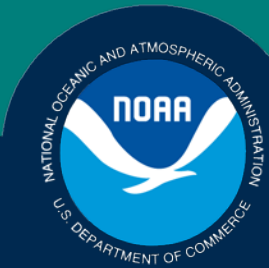


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Resource Surveys

- ▶ 2010 Autumn Multispecies Survey –
 - Extended (due to weather) to 3 December
 - High densities of hydrozoans (“wool grass”) off NJ
- ▶ 2010 Herring Acoustic Survey –
 - Completed
 - Extent of spawning herring was considerably more extensive than in recent years
- ▶ Survey Trawl Sweep Catchability Study – Done
- ▶ 2011 Survey Schedule
 - Spring BT Survey (HB) – Feb 28 to May 12
 - Sea Scallop Dredge Survey (Sharp) – May 11 to July 1
 - Clam Dredge Survey (DII) – July 5 to August 12
 - Herring Acoustic – Sept 7–30

2011–12 Stock Assessment Schedule

- ▶ June 2011
 - Winter flounder (GoM, GBK, SNE) benchmark
 - EGB cod, EGB haddock, GB yellowtail TRAC
 - *Bluefish, Black Sea Bass, Scup, Fluke updates*
- ▶ Dec 2011
 - Black sea bass benchmark
 - GoM cod benchmark
- ▶ June 2012
 - SNE yellowtail benchmark
 - Herring benchmark
 - EGB cod, EGB haddock, GB yellowtail TRAC
- ▶ Dec 2012
 - Atlantic surfclam benchmark
 - GB cod benchmark

Coordination Meeting between NEFSC and SSCs

- ▶ December 6–7 in Woods Hole

- ▶ Meeting will focus on:
 - Approaches to dealing with uncertainty in setting ABCs
 - Discuss role of Management Strategy Evaluations in provision of scientific advice
 - Capacity for NEFSC to produce and SSC to review assessments
 - Assessment products the SSC needs in out years

ACL/AM Working Group

- ▶ WG has been working under the NRCC umbrella for ~2 years to develop a new approach for the NE to stock assessments and the setting of ACLs and AMs
- ▶ Will present Work-To-Date to Councils at Jan/Feb meetings

Questions

