

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings

The Scientific and Statistical Committee has not met since the last Council meeting, and its next meeting will be on May 16 in Providence, RI. The committee will develop ABC recommendations for the Monkfish FMP for the 2014-2016 specifications to be included in Framework Adjustment 8. The committee also will review the Groundfish Closed Area Technical Team's approach for identifying ways for reducing impacts on juvenile groundfish habitat and groundfish spawning through spatial management.

B. SSC Nominations

The Council must fill two openings on the SSC as the result of the recent resignations from the SSC. See Council action item and information items 1 and 2 below.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve two new SSC members

III. INFORMATION

1. SSC Membership and Operations - from NEFMC Operations Handbook
2. Background information re SSC nominees (*to be distributed*)