



New England Fishery Management Council

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Dear Risk Policy Workshop Participants:

We are excited to have you join us for the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) Risk Policy Workshop on March 20-21 in Salem, MA. The goal of the workshop is to provide a structured platform for discussion between NEFMC Council members, Council staff and advisors, SSC members, NOAA Fisheries staff, and other management partners to advance the development and articulation of a comprehensive risk policy used to determine ABC buffers for New England fisheries.

The workshop is designed to serve as both an educational opportunity and a forum to engage with your colleagues in forward-looking dialogue. To ensure lively and thoughtful discussions, please take some time to review the enclosed briefing materials. The materials in this briefing book have been selected to provide background information and serve as a resource during the workshop and beyond. Additional materials that may be of interest to some workshop participants are included as a list of resources and associated abstracts.

We look forward to seeing you in Salem next week.

Sincerely,

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