

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Research Steering Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Council's Research Steering Committee met on May 30, 2007 to conduct a management review of two final cooperative research reports that were submitted to the Northeast Consortium (NEC) and NOAA Fisheries Northeast Cooperative Research Partners Program (NCRPP) for funding. In addition, the committee discussed and/or developed recommendations concerning: a) the NCRPP-sponsored peer review of the pilot study fleet/electronic logbook project conducted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center; b) data archiving and data access in the context of how cooperative research data is currently made available and requirements for researchers to provide access to data collected through federally-funded projects; c) the Northeast Science Center's report on the impacts of fishing on groundfish spawning activities; d) the research-related mandates in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and finally, e) the NCRPP's most recent activities.

The objective of the RSC's management review of final reports is to provide feedback to the Council, its oversight committees and Plan Development Teams on the applicability and use of project results in management decision-making. Recommendations concerning the other issues on the agenda are discussed in the meeting summary.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. The Council should review the recommendations of the RSC concerning use of the final project results in a management context and consider other issues contained in the meeting summary and identified by the RSC Chairman. Several sets of recommendations are provided to the Council on a range of issues.

II. INFORMATION

1. RSC meeting summary for May 30, 2007
2. NEFMC Research Review Policy
- 3a/b. Final reports reviewed by the RSC
 - ***Production and Testing of an Alternative Bait Selecting for Haddock***, funded as a project development award by the Northeast Consortium and submitted by Captain Mark Leach, and Tom Rudolph of the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association and other industry partners, and Dr. Susan Goldhor of the Center for Applied Regional Studies in Cambridge, MA
 - ***Using Hook and Line to Minimize Cod Bycatch in a Directed Haddock Fishery on Georges Bank and in the Gulf of Maine***, funded by the Northeast Cooperative Research Partners Program and submitted by Tom Rudolph and Paul Parker of the Cape Cod

Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association, Linda Mercer of the Maine Dept. of Marine Resources and Yong Chen of the University of Maine

4. NCRPP-sponsored peer review of the NEFSC's pilot study fleet project
5. Northeast Consortium presentation on its Fisheries and Ocean Data Management System (also may be accessed via the link see <http://www.northeastconsortium.org/data.shtml>)
6. Staff memorandum and NEFSC report on the impacts of fishing on groundfish spawning activities
7. Committee document containing the mandates in the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
8. Meeting summary for the NCRPP-funded haddock trawl workshop held on April 3, 2007 at the University of New Hampshire