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New England Fishery Management Council

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**Summary of Projects to be Reviewed by the RSC**

For discussion at 5/27/2009 Committee Meeting

Updated for 6/09 NEFMC Council Meeting

1. **"Institutionalizing Social Science Data Collection"; (NEC); Madeleine Hall-Arber, David Bergeron, Bonnie McCay**
2. **"Development of multi-beam sonar as a fisheries tool for stock assessment and EFH identification of groundfish in the western Gulf of Maine; (NEC); W. Hunting Howell, UNH**
3. **"An industry-science partnership investigating the short-term and long-term discard mortality of spiny dogfish using hook gear in GOM waters"; (NEC); GOM Research Institute, Shelly Tallack and Lara Slifka, CCCHFA**
4. **"Intensive study of the Western GOM Closure Area"; (NEC); Raymond Grizzle, Jackson Estuarine Laboratory, Department of Zoology, UNH**
5. **"Charting anecdotal information and oral histories on Stellwagen Bank from local commercial fisherman"; (NEC); Madeline Hall-Arber and Rhonda Ryznar**
6. **"Employment, income, working conditions and vessel safety in New Bedford"; (NEC); UMASS Dartmouth; Daniel Georgianna and Debra Shrader, Shore Support Received**
7. **"An atlas-based audit of fishing territories, local knowledge, and community participation in fisheries science and management"; (NEC); Kevin St. Martin and Madeleine Hall-Arber**
8. **"Testing bycatch in an observer-based experimental scallop fishery outside the GOM scallop dredge exemption area"; (NMFS) Maggie Raymond, Associated Fisheries of Maine, Dr. Graham Sherwood, Laura Taylor Singer, and Catherine Salerno, GMRI**
9. **"Field testing of a new dredge for the sea scallop fishery"; (NMFS) Ron Smolowitz and Mathew Weeks, Coonamesett Farm**
10. **"Design and test of grid devices to improve size and species selectivity in the Gulf of Maine multispecies trawl fishery"; (NEC); UNH, Pingguo He and industry partner Bart McNeel**
11. **"Staying Alive: Promoting a culture of safety at sea in New England's Fishing Industry"; (NMFS); David Bergeron and Madeleine Hall-Arber, MA Fishermen's Partnership**
12. **"Design and test of a topless shrimp trawl and a size sorting grid system to reduce finfish bycatch and small shrimps in the pink shrimp fishery"; (NMFS); Dr. Pingguo He, UNH**
13. **"An assessment of escape vent selectivity, bycatch and discard survivability in the New England Fishery for deep water red crab"; NMFS); Dr Shelly Tallack, GMRI**