

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Research Steering Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Council's Research Steering Committee met on October 30, 2008 to review preliminary work on the NEFMC's five-year research priorities, evaluate the use of two final cooperative research projects in management decision-making, discuss the use of a workshop format to conduct future RSC management reviews and consider issues related to the Council's research set-aside programs.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. No action is required by the Council, although it may wish to comment on or ask questions about the RSC's review of the final reports and other items of business addressed at the committee meeting.

II. INFORMATION

1. October 30, RSC Meeting Summary (to be emailed prior to and distributed at the November Council meeting).
2. Draft Five-Year Research Priorities (undergoing revision per the RSC; final RSC draft will be emailed to the Council prior to its meeting and also reviewed and possibly revised by the SSC on October 17).
3. Final Cooperative Research Report: *A Pilot Gillnet Survey of the Cashes Ledge Closed Area*; PIs - Kevin Kelly, ME DMR and Capt. Matthew Thompson, Monhegan Is., ME.
4. Final Cooperative Research Report: *Effects of Codend Mesh Size on Multispecies Yield and Spawning Stock Biomass of the Western Georges Bank Trawl Fishery*; PIs - Joseph DeAlteris and David Chosid, URI.
5. Research Steering Committee Policy for Incorporation of Research Results into the NEFMC Management Process.