

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on March 28, 2012 in Providence, RI. The Committee reviewed the paper, “An Investigation of Differences amongst SCAA [Statistical Catch at Age] and ASAP [Age Structured Assessment Program] Assessment (including Reference Point) Estimates for Gulf of Maine Cod” (January 2012) by Doug S. Butterworth and Rebecca A. Rademeyer” and developed advice to the Council about the paper’s applicability for revising management reference points and the approach used to assess Gulf of Maine cod.

The Committee also heard a presentation from the Groundfish PDT about approaches to developing ABCs for some of the groundfish stocks with stock assessment updates completed in February.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

None

III. INFORMATION

1. SSC Report from March 28, 2012 SSC meeting - *to be distributed*
2. SSC TOR memo dated March 12, 2012 for March 28 SSC meeting
3. “An Investigation of Differences amongst SCAA and ASAP Assessment (including Reference Point) Estimates for Gulf of Maine Cod” by Doug S. Butterworth and Rebecca A. Rademeyer”