

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Scientific and Statistical Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on February 6, 2009 to review revised Skate Plan Development Team options for ABCs for inclusion in Amendment 3 to the Skate Fishery Management Plan. Updated information was incorporated into the analyses following the completion of the Data Poor Stocks Workshop and peer review in December. The SSC will review the PDT work and report to the Council on February 11.
- B. The SSC also will review and comment on a.) the process used by the Scallop PDT and committee to set ACLs, for inclusion in Amendment 15 to the Scallop FMP; b) the alternatives under consideration to modify the overfishing definition used in the Scallop FMP; and 3) the methods used to analyze the economic and social impacts of some of these alternatives. A report on the SSC's review of these items will be presented to the Council on February 11 by SSC Chair Dr. Steve Cadrin.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Review SSC recommendations on the items identified above.

**III. INFORMATION** (Documents reviewed at the SSC meeting)

1. Skates: January 26, 2009 memo from Paul Howard to the SSC re Terms of Reference for the February 6, 2009 SSC meeting
2. January 26, 2009 memo from the Skate PDT to the SSC re Skate ABC Recommendations
3. January 14, 2009 SSC memo from the Skate PDT to the SSC re Skate Rebuilding Catch Limit Re-analyses
4. Scallops: January 27, 2009 memo from Paul Howard to the SSC titled the *Review of specific alternatives under consideration in Scallop Amendment 15 and discussion of how to analyze the economic and social impacts*; this document serves as the Terms of Reference for the scallop issues to be addressed by the SSC on February 6, 2009
5. Draft Amendment 15 management alternatives for consideration by the SSC
6. "Hybrid" Overfishing Definition Presentation – Overview of Scallop PDT findings
7. Draft Economic Trends in the Sea Scallop Fishery (Amendment 15)
8. Summary of methods used for scallop economic analyses (Amendment 15)
9. Summary of issues that will be considered in the Amendment 15 social impact assessment