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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2010
TO: Dr. Steven X. Cadrin, Chairman, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
FROM: Council staff
SUBJECT: SSC Meeting Schedule – 2010

You will find below a list of recommended actions that will require SSC consideration in 2010, with the exception of skates.

Meet mid-March

- **Red Crab: Reconsider 2010 ABC; set 2011 ABC**
The Red Crab PDT will present updated analyses on which to base a reconsideration of the previous ABC.
- **Complete EBFM Report to Council**

Meet May – June (2 days)

- **Atlantic Salmon: Set ABC**
Because catch is prohibited in the EEZ, the ABC will be set at zero.
- **Consider ABC control rules for all/most managed stocks**
- **Begin early review of Council research recommendations**

Meet Late August - Early September (3 days)

- **Scallops: New ABC**
NEFMC Action: Framework Adjustment 22 in 2010, a specs package, will take effect in 2011-2012. A new assessment will be completed by July and survey results will be available by mid-August 2010 at the earliest. Therefore, the SSC should review results around late August or early Sept. to provide an ABC to the Scallop PDT. Final action by the Council will occur in September or November.
- **Groundfish: ABCs**
Reconsider the pollock ABC based on June SARC results; review GB yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy and set an ABC based on mid-July TRAC results; Revisit the ABCs for other index-based stocks, windowpane and ocean pout.

Meet October – November (2 days)

- **Monkfish: Revise OFL and ABC**
A new monkfish assessment is scheduled for June 2010. Depending on the outcome, the SSC may need to reconsider its ABC determination or the control rule. Also, the SSC recommended a quantitative assessment of scientific uncertainty in the estimate of OFL, which, if forthcoming, may be the basis for revising the ABC control rule.
- **Skates: Revise ABC 2012**
Given the survey series used to monitor stock biomass ended in 2008 (i.e., the R/V Albatross was replaced by the FSV Bigelow), the ABC recommendation should be maintained for 2010 and 2011 fishing years. The next framework adjustment should consider results from vessel calibration workshop and most recent survey results to revise the ABC determination method.