

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on May 16 in Mansfield MA. The SSC reviewed the approach used by the Council's Closed Area Technical Team (CATT) to identify important juvenile groundfish habitat and spawning locations. The SSC's recommendations are in the May 28, 2013 memo from the SSC to Thomas Nies (Information item #1).

The SSC also reviewed the 2013 Monkfish Operational Assessment results and the Monkfish PDT's calculations for ABCs based on the default ABC control rule. The SSC decided to request additional information from the PDT and postponed finalizing recommendations to a future meeting. (see May 29, 2013 memo from the SSC to Thomas Nies - Information item #3).

Additional background documents considered by the SSC are available from the Council's website at <http://nefmc.org/tech/index.html> under the materials for the May 23, 2013 SSC meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

None

III. INFORMATION

1. May 28, 2013 memo from the SSC to Thomas Nies - Review of approach used by the Groundfish Closed Area Technical Team (CATT) to identify important juvenile groundfish habitat and spawning locations
2. May 1, 2013 memo from the Monkfish PDT to the SSC - PDT calculations and comments on monkfish reference points
3. May 29, 2013 memo from the SSC to Thomas Nies - Review of Monkfish Biological Reference Points and Interim Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule and Development of Updated Recommendations to Council