

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

**I. STATUS**

A. Meetings:

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on October 6 and possibly the morning of October 7 to address the election of SSC officers, develop a plan to address committee workload, priorities and products and to comment on the new scallop overfishing definition proposed for inclusion in Amendment 15 to the Scallop FMP. The committee also will review and comment on the scientific basis of Amendment 3 to the Skate FMP. Those remarks will be presented at the Council's November meeting, while the other items, possibly to include consideration of a hypothesis concerning changes in resource productivity relative to the use of bottom-tending mobile gear, will be reviewed at the October meeting.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

A. Review SSC recommendations on the items identified above.

**III. INFORMATION**

1. September 25, 2008 memorandum to the SSC containing background information relative to the review of the new sea scallop overfishing definition and terms of reference
2. Dr. Dvora Hart presentation scheduled for review by the SSC on October 6, 2008
3. Fishery Bulletin publication titled Yield- and biomass-per-recruit analysis for rotational fisheries, with an application to the Atlantic sea scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*) by Dr. Dvora Hart
4. Document titled DRAFT Overfishing Definitions and Control Rules for the Sea Scallop Fishery Under Rotation Management prepared by Dr. John Hoenig
5. Can. Jour. Fish. Aqua. Sci. publication titled Individual-based yield-per-recruit analysis, with an application to the Atlantic sea scallop, *Placopecten magellanicus* by Dr. Dvora Hart
6. September 25, 2008 memorandum from Executive Director Paul Howard relative to the SSC's review of the scientific basis of Skate Amendment 3, including the terms of reference; the amendment is located at [http://www.nefmc.org/skates/planamen/amend3/Amend3\\_DSEIS\\_Sept08.htm](http://www.nefmc.org/skates/planamen/amend3/Amend3_DSEIS_Sept08.htm)
7. September 25, 2008 memorandum from Paul Howard containing the terms of reference should the SSC undertake a review of the report titled "*Report on mobile fishing gear: effects and citation validity in NEFMC documents affecting the Atlantic sea scallop fishery.*"
8. "*Report on mobile fishing gear: effects and citation validity in NEFMC documents affecting the Atlantic sea scallop fishery.*" by Dr. John Everett