

Workshop on Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management

convened by
The New England Fishery Management Council's
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Wednesday and Thursday, August 26 – 27, 2009
Marriott Hotel, 25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island

Final Agenda

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Convener: Jake Kritzer (SSC Member)

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Introduction and workshop background |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Progress towards EBFM in New England (Chad Demarest) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | EBFM Examples (45 min each – 25 min presentation & 20 min discussion) |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | California fisheries (Les Kaufman) |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Eastern Scotian Shelf integrated management (Tana Worcester) |
| 12:15 – 1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15 – 3:30 | Implementation Examples - cont'd |
| 1:15 – 2:00 | Canadian Georges Bank fishery (Stratis Gavaris) |
| 2:00 – 2:45 | Australia (Steve Cadrin) |
| 2:45 – 3:30 | Chesapeake Bay (Ed Houde) |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Break |
| 3:45 – 4:30 | Discussion on best practices and lessons learned; issues for workshop day two |
| 4:30 | Day one adjournment |

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Convener: Mike Sissenwine (SSC Member)

09:00 – 10:00 Synopsis of previous day's discussion

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:45 Science in support of EBFM (Mike Fogarty)

10:45 – 12:00 Discussion on drafting EBFM Plan

The presentations and discussion on Wednesday are to inform discussion (either in plenary or breakout groups) on issues relevant to the drafting of an EBFM plan by the NEFMC. These issues, plus those that might emerge on Wednesday, include:

Institutional arrangements for NEFMC EBFM Plan

- One overarching plan or integration into existing species – specific plans?
- Process of plan development, review and approval (e.g. who to involve in plan drafting, how it is reviewed and how it is communicated to the NEFMC and more generally)
- Longer-term institutional requirements of EBFM plan

Elements of NEFMC EBFM Plan

- Identification of Issues (e.g. high level objectives, issues associated with objectives, ecosystem components associated with each issue)
- Ecosystem description (e.g. what is known about the Gulf of Maine ecosystem, what new knowledge is needed)
- Prioritization of issues (e.g. use of tools such PSA)
- Development of operational objectives (e.g. indicators and reference points, monitoring requirements)
- Development of management actions (e.g. areal management)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 Discussion on drafting an EBFM Plan - cont'd

3:00 Workshop adjournment