

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Monkfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Monkfish Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel have not met since the last Council meeting, but staff is in the process of scheduling a meeting before the end of the year.
- B. Amendment 6: In Amendment 6, the Councils are considering adopting catch shares management for the monkfish fishery, as well as modifications to the current management system. The Council approved Amendment 6 Goals and Objectives at its November, 2011 meeting. The Committee tasked the Plan Development Team (PDT) with developing a range of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 6, including modifications to the current management system, a days-at-sea leasing option, sector management and individually transferrable quotas (ITQs). See attached report for an update.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

None

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Summary report of the status of Amendment 6