

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Research Steering Committee**

**I. STATUS**

Meetings: The Council's Research Steering Committee met on March 4, 2009 to discuss cooperative research strategic planning, part of a larger effort by the National Marine Fisheries Service to assess activities that have occurred over the last 10 years in the New England region. The NMFS intent is to identify information needs that are most critical to fisheries management and stock rebuilding over the next three to five years.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. No action is required by the Council, although members may wish to comment on or ask questions about the RSC's discussion.

**II. INFORMATION**

1. RSC meeting summary for March 4, 2009
2. Strategic Planning for Cooperative Research - NOAA/GMRI notice
3. NMFS Cooperative Research Strategic Planning document, 12/23/09
4. Strategic Planning PowerPoint presentation – NOAA/GMRI
5. NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs, 2009-2013
6. Fisheries, 2008 – *Cooperative research program goals in NE: perceptions of active commercial fishermen*
7. Endangered Species Research, 2008 – *Human dimensions of bycatch reduction technology: current assumptions and directions for future research*