

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Research Steering Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Research Steering Committee met on November 30 in Revere, MA, primarily to review five cooperative research projects final reports.
- B. Disposition of Catch on Scientific Research Trips: At the June 2011 Council meeting, NMFS provided a review on the disposition of catch on scientific research trips and issues related to accounting of scientific research catch in estimates of fishing mortality. The Council directed the staff to convey its deep concerns over the lack of control over, and accountability for scientific research catch. NMFS responded that the agency is looking into the issue and provided an update at the Nov. 30 Committee meeting (see attached meeting summary). The Committee will further discuss this matter at its next meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. None

III. INFORMATION

- A. Committee Meeting Summary November 30, 2011