

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Research Steering Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Research Steering Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.
- B. Strategic Plan for Cooperative Research 2011-2014: In response to the recent Management Review Report, NMFS is conducting a review of the Strategic Plan and is soliciting comments from the Council and members of the public. To that end, NMFS is holding a public session on Tuesday evening of this Council meeting.
- C. Disposition of Catch on Scientific Research Trips: In response to a request of the Council, NMFS will provide 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.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. **None**

III. INFORMATION

- 1. NMFS' Strategic Plan for Cooperative Research 2011-2014
- 2. NMFS report/presentation on the disposition of catch on scientific research trips and a review of issues related to the accounting of scientific research catch in estimates of fishing mortality (*to be distributed*).