

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **Meetings:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met most recently on March 16-17, 2010 to address red crab and skate issues. Specifically, the committee developed a recommendation for the 2011-2013 red crab Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) and reconsidered its 2010 red crab ABC recommendation. Members also reconsidered the 2010-2011 ABC recommendation for the skate complex (incorporating updated survey information), reviewed and discussed work to date on its draft ecosystem-based fishery management plan white paper and recommended Terms of Reference for the fall 2010 SARC.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Council motions formalizing the SSC's ABC recommendations may follow the committee's report, under the species agenda items for red crab and skates.

III. INFORMATION

A. Red Crab

1. March 10, 2010 Background and TOR memo
2. Red Crab PDT MSY Reevaluation
3. Red Crab PDT PowerPoint Presentation (PDT Chairman)
4. September 23, 2009 Report from SSC Chair Dr. Steve Cadrin to Council Executive Director Paul J. Howard
5. April 28, 2010 Report from SSC Chair Dr. Steve Cadrin to Council Executive Director Paul J. Howard – "Review of Red Crab PDT MSY Proxy Reevaluation and Development of ABC Recommendations to the Council"

B. Skates

1. March 8, 2010 Background and Terms of Reference memo
2. March 8, 2010 memo from Skate PDT on the 2008 fall survey data and the effect on a revised skate ABC
3. Skate ABC Update, PowerPoint Presentation (PDT Chairman)
4. September 23, 2009 memo from SSC chair Dr. Steve Cadrin, to Council Executive Director Paul J. Howard, "Correction to the 2010-2011 Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendation for the skate complex"
5. April 28, 2010 Report from SSC Chair Dr. Steve Cadrin to Council Executive Director Paul J. Howard – "Review of Skate Acceptable Biological Catch"

C. Other

1. SSC tasks and meeting schedule for 2010

