

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on March 30-31, 2010 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston to review Massachusetts Fisheries Institute (MFI) report “*Economic and Scientific Conditions in the Massachusetts Multispecies Groundfishery*.”
- On April 12-13 the committee addressed the issues raised in the attached Terms of Reference documents concerning methods to develop Acceptable Biological Catches for skate and stocks.
- On February 15-17, 2011 the Council convened a peer review panel to evaluate the Swept Area Seabed Impact (SASI) model. The review panel is was convened for the purpose of providing expert technical comments and advice on the use of the SASI model in Council fishery management plans.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Motions formalizing any SSC recommendations may follow the reports to the Council on the following issue.

III. INFORMATION

A. Skate Reference Documents – Memo includes both skating and whiting ToRs

1. An Evaluation of Calibration Options - Skate PDT report
2. Model 2 and Model 3 length based calibration analysis - March 16, 2011
3. No document
4. SSC Review of Skate Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) - April 2010
5. Skate Calibrations (*powerpoint*)
6. Bigelow-Albatross Calibration for Skate Complex (*powerpoint*)
7. April 6, 2011 letter from Mickelson and Barnett, P.C.

B. Whiting Reference Documents

8. Options for setting whiting ABC specifications - Whiting PDT report
9. Summary of hake assessments (*powerpoint*)
10. Hake ABC and Reference Point options (*powerpoint*)

C. MFI Report

11. ToR memo, MFI Report, summary of SSC review of the MFI Report

D. SASI Model Peer Review

12. Council ToR memo, summary report from the peer review panel and individual reports from panel members