

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL **Scientific and Statistical Committee**

I. STATUS

- A. **Meetings:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on June 21-22, 2010 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland, ME. Committee members will consider the control rules currently used to set Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for all/most NEFMC-managed stocks and discuss information needed to develop ABC control rules that account for scientific uncertainty in OFL and the Council's desired risk tolerance. Other issues to be addressed at the meeting include an initial review of the annually compiled list of five-year Council research recommendations, further discussion on developing an NEFMC Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management draft policy paper, a revision to the red crab ABC to account for estimates of discards in the fishery and the development of a recommendation for an Atlantic salmon ABC.

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 Atlantic salmon.

III. INFORMATION

A. Red Crab

- June 10, 2010 ToR and Background Memorandum from Paul Howard
- 1. PDT discussion paper titled: "Options for Potential Female Red Crab Harvest for Inclusion in the ABC and ACL."
- 2. PDT discussion paper titled: "Estimates of Historical Discards and Discard Mortality Rates in Fisheries for which Red Crab Is Caught Incidentally."
- 3. PDT discussion paper titled: "PDT Analysis of Dead Discards and Potential Female Allowable Landings to be added to the Interim ABC for Red Crab."
- 4. "Escape ring selectivity, bycatch, and discard survivability in the New England fishery for deep-water red crab, *Chaceon quinquedentatus*", S. M. L. Tallack

B. Salmon

- June 10, 2010 ToR and Background Memorandum from Paul Howard
- 1. U.S. Atlantic Salmon Stock Structure, Status, and Metrics Information Brief for New England Council to amend the Atlantic Salmon FMP in 2010 (J. Kocik, NEFSC)
- 2. Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Salmon, (NEFMC, 1987)

C. Control Rules

1. Summary of NEFMC ABC Control Rules
2. PowerPoint Presentation – ABC Control Rule
3. Risk Policy and Managing for Uncertainty Across the Regional FMCs, dated 5/2010
4. Evolution of Mortality Control Rules – Northeast Multispecies FMP

D. Research Recommendations – draft information for 2010-2011

1. Final Research Recommendations, 2010, edited to include groundfish updates
2. Updated sea scallop and monkfish research priorities