

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

**I. STATUS**

**Meetings:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on April 30-May 1, 2009 to accomplish the following:

- **Groundfish** - Review the formal rebuilding strategies for stocks that have been determined to be overfished (witch flounder, GB winter flounder, pollock, Atlantic wolfish and northern windowpane flounder); review the Groundfish Plan Development Team's recommendations for and provide further guidance on setting groundfish ABCs;
- **Monkfish** - Finalize SSC recommendations for monkfish ABC and other management reference points to be included in Amendment 5 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan;
- **Herring** - Review the process proposed by the Herring Plan Development Team for specifying ABC and for setting ACLs and AMs by management area, with consideration accorded to the importance of herring as a forage species; and
- **EBFM Workshop** – Review further developments related to planning for the upcoming workshop.

A report on the SSC's review of these items will be presented to the Council on Tuesday, June 23 by SSC Chair Dr. Steve Cadrin.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Review the SSC recommendations provided for the items identified above.

**III. INFORMATION**

Copies of the SSCs Terms of Reference memoranda for the above groundfish, monkfish and herring items are provided in the Council mailing along with staff PowerPoint presentations and other materials containing summary information on which SSC decision-making was based. Additional background materials are posted on the Council's website, [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). Any outstanding final documents (for herring and monkfish) summarizing the SSC's comments and recommendations not included in the mailing will be forwarded to Council members prior to the meeting.

1. **Groundfish:** April 23, 2009 memo from Executive Director Paul Howard to the SSC titled Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan: Review of Rebuilding Programs for Newly Overfished Stocks and Further Development of ABC Guidance – Terms of Reference
2. Staff PowerPoint Presentation given to the SSC – Amendment 16 Mortality Targets
3. Staff PowerPoint Presentation given to the SSC – Multispecies ABCs

4. PDT draft document - Guidance to the PDT for Developing ABC Recommendations
5. Gulf of Maine cod example
6. **Monkfish**: April 20, 2009 memo from Executive Director Paul Howard to the SSC - Monkfish Amendment 5 Terms of Reference
7. March 30, 2009 Report from SSC Chairman Dr. Steve Cadrin to Executive Director Paul Howard titled Methods for Determining Monkfish Annual Catch Limits
8. April 29, 2009 Monkfish PDT Report to the SSC in response to the terms of reference for the meeting
9. **Herring**: March 30, 2009 terms of reference memo from Executive Director Paul Howard to the SSC – Herring Amendment 4: Processes for Determining ABC, Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures
10. Staff PowerPoint Presentation given to the SSC – Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP: Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures
11. Habitat Memos – March 26, 2009; a.) Review of EFH Omnibus 2, Phase II, Analytical Tool and b.) Technical Feedback to the Habitat PDT on the EFH Omnibus Amendment