

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **Meetings:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on November 2-3, 2010 at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, RI. The committee addressed and will report to the Council on the following issues:
- The SSC's calendar for 2011, including specific tasks, the annual election of SSC officers, upcoming SARCs and other meetings, the recent National SSC Workshop and a peer review of the SASI and LISA models developed by the Habitat PDT;
 - Five-year research recommendations as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act;
 - Whether recent winter flounder analyses provided to the SSC affects the current ABC recommendation to the Council; an ABC recommendation for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder to comport with the rebuilding strategy proposed at the September Council meeting
 - Discussion concerning NEFMC ABC control rules and future coordination with the Council;
 - The SSC's draft white paper on Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management; text and an overview will be presented to the Council.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Council motions formalizing any SSC recommendations may follow the committee's report, in particular, the SSC's groundfish recommendations.

III. INFORMATION

A. **Research Recommendations**

1. Updated five-year research recommendations (2011-2015) developed by the SSC (*will be emailed to the Council prior to the Nov. 16-18 meeting*)
2. Background: 2010 updates to the scallop and monkfish research priorities
3. Background: Approved 2010-2014 NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs

B. **Groundfish – GOM winter and GB yellowtail flounder**

1. October 28, 2010 TOR Memo to the SSC from Council Executive Director Paul J. Howard
2. September 20, 2010 Memo from Dr. Steve Cadrin – ABC Recommendations for pollock, GB yellowtail flounder, southern and northern windowpane flounders, ocean pout and GOM winter flounder
3. Groundfish PDT Memo to the SSC dated Oct. 28, 2010 with enclosure (2)
4. GOM winter flounder presentation provided to the SSC at it November meeting

5. November 1, 2010 TOR Memo to the SSC from Executive Director Paul J. Howard
6. September 20, 2010 Memo from Dr. Steve Cadrin – ABC Recommendations for pollock, GB yellowtail flounder, southern and northern windowpane flounders, ocean pout and GOM winter flounder (*see document #2 above*)
7. November 2, 2010 Groundfish PDT Memo to the SSC
8. August 6, 2010 - undated attachment (3) from the Groundfish PDT Memo regarding GB yellowtail flounder
9. Assessment of GB Yellowtail Flounder for 2010. TRAC Ref. Doc. 2010/06, Available at: http://www2.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/trac/documents/TRD_2010_06_E.pdf

C. Control Rule Discussion

1. ABC Control Implementation and Application in NE (*powerpoint*)
2. Overview of NEFMC ABCs – narrative
3. Role of the NE SSC in Regional Peer Review (*powerpoint*)

D. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management

1. White Paper developed by the SSC
2. Overview of the EBFM information provided in the white paper (*powerpoint to be provided at the Nov. 16-18 meeting*)

E. SSC Report

1. Dr. Steve Cadrin - Nov. 2-3 SSC Meeting Report to the Council (*will be emailed to the Council prior to the Nov. 16-18 meeting*)