

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

- A. **Meetings:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on August 10-11, 2009 and again on September 16, 2009 to accomplish the following:
- **Groundfish** - Finalize acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for fishing years 2010-2012 following a review of the Groundfish Plan Development Team's calculations of ABCs, incorporating previous guidance from the SSC;
 - **Sea Scallops** - Finalize an ABC recommendation for fishing year 2010 following discussion of updated quantitative analyses of uncertainty associated with OFL;
 - **Herring** - Review the available information provided by the Herring Plan Development Team and develop an ABC recommendation for the 2010-2012 fishing years, as well as an ABC control rule;
 - **Red Crab** - Review the available information provided by the Red Crab Plan Development Team and develop an ABC recommendation for the 2010 fishing year, as well as an ABC control rule for future years;
 - **Skate Complex** - correct the 2010-2011 skate complex ABC to be included in Amendment 3 to the Skate FMP (the recalculation will include the 2008 spring survey values for little skate); and
 - **EBFM Workshop** – Review the follow-up activities necessary to develop a white paper outlining possible steps to promote progress toward EBFM planning

A report on the SSC's recommendations will be presented to the Council on Wednesday, September 23 by SSC member Dr. Pat Sullivan.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Review the SSC's recommendations concerning the items identified above.

III. INFORMATION

Copies of the materials distributed to the SSC for the above groundfish, scallop, red crab, herring and skate items are provided in the Council mailing along with staff PowerPoint presentations given at the meeting and other materials containing information on which SSC decision-making was based. Any additional background materials are posted on the Council's website, www.nefmc.org. SSC final reports not included in the mailing will be forwarded to Council members prior to the September meeting.

Groundfish:

1. TOR Memo from the August 10-11, 2009 SSC Meeting
2. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC, July 13, 2009
3. Memo from Paul Howard to SSC, June 23, 2009
4. Memo from the Groundfish PDT to SSC, August 7, 2009
5. Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) Status Report 2009/03 for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder – See Groundfish, Tab #3

Scallops:

1. TOR Memo from the August 10-11, 2009 SSC Meeting
2. SSC memo to Scallop PDT, February 18, 2009
3. Excerpt from Scallop Amendment 15 DEIS – Description of ACL related alternatives only – See Scallops, Tab #4
4. Summary document on quantitative estimate of uncertainty of OFL - Dr. Dvora Hart, July 7, 2009
5. Estimate of ABC for fishing year 2010 for Framework Adjustment 21 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan - PPT Presentation, Dr. Dvora Hart

Herring:

1. TOR Memo from the September 16, 2009 SSC Meeting
2. 2009 Herring TRAC Update Assessment Status Report
3. July 28, 2009 Memo from Herring PDT: *Atlantic Herring Assessment Results and Preliminary Guidance Re. Specification of Allowable Biological Catch (ABC)*
4. Herring PDT Discussion Paper: *Projected Landings and Stock Biomass Under Different Fishing Mortality Scenarios for Atlantic Herring*
5. September 8, 2009 Memo from Herring PDT: *Atlantic Herring Overfishing Definition – Proposed Modification to Control Rule*
6. September 8, 2009 Memo from Herring PDT: *PDT Recommendations for Specifying Atlantic Herring ABC for the 2010-2012 Fishing Years*
7. Report of the Retrospective Working Group (NEFSC Reference Document 09-01)

Red Crab:

1. TOR Memo from the September 16, SSC Meeting
2. Memo from PDT to SSC on recommendations for OFL, ABC, OY, ACL and Target TAC (to be completed after September 8, 2009 PDT meeting).
3. Discussion document to guide PDT Recommendations for MSY, OFL, ABC, OY, ACL and Target TAC - from Red Crab PDT Chair, Dick Allen to Red Crab PDT.
4. Report *Deep Sea Red Crab* prepared for the Northeast Data Poor Stocks Working Group Meeting, Woods Hole, MA, December 8-12, 2008. (Chute A., Jacobson L. and Rago P.)
5. Report by the Peer Review Panel for the Northeast Data Poor Stocks Working Group, Woods Hole, MA, January 20, 2009. Thomas Miller, Chair, Robert Muller, Bob O'Boyle and Andrew Rosenberg
6. Copy of presentation by Toni Chute on the 2009 Data Poor Stocks Workgroup assessment of red crab

Skate Complex:

1. TOR Memo from the September 16, 2009 SSC Meeting
2. September 3, 2009 Memo from Skate PDT: *Proposed correction to skate ABC calculation input values*
3. SSC recommendations on Skate Amendment 3, February 11, 2009
4. Skate ABCs, updated reference points, and management recommendations (January 26, 2009 memo from Skate PDT to SSC)
5. Skate rebuilding catch limit re-analysis (January 14, 2008 memo from PDT to SSC)