NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

A. Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE): The Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee, in collaboration with the Council's Advisory Panel chairs, conducted a series of five pMSE scoping workshops from October 13, 2022, to March 16, 2023. These workshops aimed to gather stakeholder input on operating models, management goals and objectives, performance metrics, and management procedures (harvest control rules). The pMSE project team, led by co-principal investigators Drs. Gavin Fay and Lisa Kerr, received valuable input from the workshops.

Initial runs and outputs will be presented to the EBFM Committee and AP chairs, acting as stakeholders, at a hybrid meeting in Warwick, RI on May 3, 2023, followed by presentation of final results on June 13, 2023. The Council will receive a final report in June and the final written report and summary products are due by July 31, 2023.

B. EBFM Public Outreach: The Council has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications from interested parties to organize and facilitate two online workshops, and one in-person plenary meeting, to be scheduled between August and mid-September 2023. The deadline for submitting proposals is May 1, 2023, by the close of business.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action is needed.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation: Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE) project update and timeline
2. March 16, 2023 draft stakeholder workshop and EBFM Committee meeting summary
3. NOAA Fisheries Response to NS1 questions