

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): Due to the January federal government shutdown, a peer review by the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) on EBFM Operating Models for Georges Bank was rescheduled for April 30-May 4 in Woods Hole, MA. A follow up meeting of the EBFM Committee is scheduled for June 11, 2018 in Portland, MA. The meeting will focus on the CIE report, an initial draft FEP policy framework, and an initial draft ecosystem risk assessment for the Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit.
- B. Ecosystem Status Report: Dr. Sean Hardison, NEFSC will present the annual Ecosystem Status Report to the Council.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation: Update on status of the Northeast Continental Shelf ecosystem
- 2. Ecosystem Status Report
- 3. Correspondence