

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Strategy Review Report: Dr. Lisa Kerr, will summarize the final findings and recommendations of the CIE review.
- B. Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): The EBFM Committee met on June 21, 2018 to discuss the next steps for developing an eFEP. A more detailed outline and timeline (see Document 5) for development was presented to the committee by staff. The committee agreed to the timeline for further development work by the PDT. The PDT was unable to meet during August and September, but during an August 3rd conference call, members agreed to develop a discussion paper on the items highlighted in red in Document 5. A PDT meeting has been scheduled for October 10, to be followed by a Committee meeting in November.
- C. Northeast Regional Implementation Plan (IP) of NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Roadmap: The EBFM committee heard a presentation by GARFO on the proposed IP and developed comments for Council approval.
- D. State of the Ecosystem Reports: Staff participated in a two-day planning meeting hosted by NEFSC to provide feedback on and improve the utility of these annual reports to Councils.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve comments on Northeast Regional Implementation Plan in the NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Roadmap.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation: Summary of findings and recommendations of the Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Strategy Review
- 2. Summary Report: External Peer Review of Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Strategy, April 30 – May 3, 2018.
- 3. Individual CIE Panelist Reviews:
 - Dr. Keith Brander, University of Denmark:
https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/Quality-Assurance/documents/peer-review-reports/2018/2018_06_Brander_EBFM_review.pdf
 - Dr. Villy Christensen, University of British Columbia:
https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/Quality-Assurance/documents/peer-review-reports/2018/2018_06_Christensen_EBFM_review.pdf
 - Dr. Daniel Howell, Institute of Marine Research, Norway:
https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/Quality-Assurance/documents/peer-review-reports/2018/2018_06_Howell_EBFM_review.pdf

4. “Updates and Thoughts on Panel Recommendations: External Peer Review of Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Strategy” NEFSC August 2018
5. Presentation: eFEP outline and timeline
6. Draft: Council comments on the NER EBFM Implementation Plan.
7. DRAFT NER EBFM Implementation Plan
8. June 21, 2018 EBFM Committee meeting summary
9. Correspondence