

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): The PDT developed discussion documents that focused on the following three eFEP components: Strategies for deriving catch advice for stock complexes and allocations to fishery functional groups (i.e. ‘fisheries’); management options for an overfished stock that is managed as part of a stock complex; spatial management strategies and ecosystem research to conserve habitat, spawning; and protected species in an ecosystem plan. The Committee also developed strategic eFEP approaches for permitting and catch allocation, with associated strengths and weaknesses.
- B. Management Strategy Evaluation: The Council will convene an MSE Steering Committee to make recommendations on an MSE Workshop at the September Council meeting.
- C. Meetings: The EBFM committee met on April 4 and April 15, 2019 to consider additional components of the eFEP. The PDT met on March 21, 2019 to develop eFEP component discussion documents and held several conference calls.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

No action required.

**III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Presentation: Recommended approaches for deriving catch advice, managing overfished stocks and spatial management strategies.
- 2. Discussion document: Strategies for deriving catch advice for stock complexes and allocations to fishery functional groups (i.e. ‘fisheries’)
- 3. Discussion document: Management options for an overfished stock that is managed as part of a stock complex
- 4. Discussion document: Spatial management strategies and ecosystem research to conserve habitat, spawning, and protected species in an ecosystem plan
- 5. Presentation: eFEP Permit and allocation approaches
- 6. Draft Permit and allocation options discussion document
- 7. April 4, 2019 EBFM Committee meeting summary, focusing on permitting approaches
- 8. EBFM task list for developing eFEP components
- 9. Short Draft: Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank
- 10. Example species complexes and functional groups
- 11. Correspondence