

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): A final draft eFEP document will be presented at this meeting.
- B. Meetings: The EBFM committee met on July 24, and August 21-22 to consider and provide guidance for drafting additional sections of the eFEP. The PDT met on July 12 and has corresponded by email to complete the draft eFEP document. The PDT met jointly with the EBFM Committee on August 21-22 to present the eFEP material and answer the committee's questions.
- C. Management Strategy Evaluation Steering Committee (MSE SC): The MSE SC held its first meeting on September 4 and will provide a progress report with initial recommendations for further development of an MSE for EBFM.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

The Council should decide whether the eFEP document is adequate to use in the next phase of EBFM development and provide feedback to the MSE SC on its workplan and recommendations.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentations:
 - a. eFEP purpose and overview, including draft goals and objectives and ecosystem reference points (concept of ceilings and floors), Georges Bank EPU scope (Applegate)
 - b. Catch management framework, limits for stock complexes (Bell)
 - c. Potential strategies for overfished stock status determination and rebuilding (Applegate)
 - d. Spatial management measures for habitat, spawning, and protection of species of concern (Auster)
 - e. Incentive-based management approaches (DePiper)
 - f. Data collection and monitoring (Bell)
- 2. Draft example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP)
- 3. August 21-22 EBFM Committee meeting summary
- 4. MSE Steering Committee
 - a. Meeting memo and agenda
 - b. September 4 MSE SC meeting summary
- 5. Correspondence