NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL Monkfish Committee

I. STATUS

A. <u>Meetings</u>: No meetings have been held since the June 2017 NEFMC meeting. Work on specifications for fishing years 2020-2022 will begin in late summer.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

A. Approve Monkfish Research Set Aside (RSA) priorities.

II. INFORMATION

- 1. Draft Monkfish RSA priorities
 - a. Monkfish RSA project status summary
 - b. Coonamessett non-lethal sex and spawning assessment
 - c. Cornell genetic stock structure
 - d. Cornell Coop gillnet twine thinkness
 - e. SMAST juvenile tagging
 - f. UNE historical protocol for age determination.