NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Monkfish Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings: The Monkfish Plan Development Team (PDT) met on July 15 and 20. The Advisory Panel and Committee met separately August 30. The PDT is meeting on September 27. Topics discussed at these meetings include the 2022 Monkfish Fishery Performance Report, Framework Adjustment 13, and 2023 Council priorities.

B. 2022 Monkfish Fishery Performance Report: The report has been finalized for the September Council meeting.

C. Framework Adjustment 13: This action was initiated in April to include 2023-2025 specifications and other measures. The Committee has developed alternatives for adjusting effort controls and gillnet mesh size and the PDT has provided some preliminary impact analysis. The specifications will be based on a management track assessment that was peer reviewed in September 2022. The PDT is developing alternate methods for setting the discard deduction from the Annual Catch Target. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on October 26-27 to recommend acceptable biological catches and the discard deduction method. The Council and MAFMC will likely take final action in December 2022.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action needed.

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation
2. 2022 Monkfish Fishery Performance Report, September 1, 2022
3. Framework Adjustment 13 discussion document, September, 2022
4. Meeting summaries
   a. Plan Development Team – July 15 and 20, 2022
   b. Monkfish Advisory Panel – August 30, 2022
   c. Monkfish Committee – August 30, 2022
5. Correspondence