

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: On August 19, the SSC met via a hybrid meeting in Boston, MA to: 1) recommend overfishing limits and acceptable biological catches for northern and southern monkfish and the skate complex, 2) make recommendations to the Scallop PDT for developing specifications to present to the SSC in October that consider the outcomes of the 2025 Atlantic Sea scallop research track assessment, and 3) review outcomes of the June 2025 inaugural meeting of the SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee and provide input on the Subcommittee's workplan.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No Council action is required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation by SSC Chair, Dr. Conor McManus^{a,b}
2. SSC memo to the Executive Director re skates, August 31, 2025^a
3. SSC memo to the Executive Director re monkfish, August 31, 2025^a
4. SSC memo to the Executive Director re scallops, August 31, 2025^b
5. Information considered by the SSC at its August 19, meeting:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-19-2025-ssc-webinar>

^a Listed under *Monkfish and Skate* agenda item

^b Listed under *Scallop* agenda item