

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

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- A Social Science subpanel of the SSC met on April 28, 2021 via webinar to review social and economic information and impact analyses in two previous Council actions with the purpose of making recommendations about how these types of analyses might be improved.
- The SSC met on May 11, 2021 via webinar to receive a presentation, An Evaluation of Alternative Management Procedures for New England Groundfish, conducted by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute as part of a Council priority to consider modifying ABC control rules for Groundfish stocks.
- The SSC met on June 8, 2021 to develop comments and recommendations for updating 2021-2025 Council research priorities. It also continued discussion of how to develop recommendations for modifying ABC control rules for Groundfish stocks.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation of reports from recent SSC meetings (*to be distributed*)
2. SSC Final Report, Input on preliminary herring rebuilding plan projections, May 18, 2021 (also including comments on the State of the Ecosystems Report from the NEFSC)
3. SSC response re 2021 – 2025 Council Research Priorities (*to be distributed*)
4. SSC comments on report, *Evaluation of Alternative Management Procedures for New England Groundfish* and SSC report on June 11, 2021 discussion of issues concerning possible changes to Groundfish ABC control rules. (*to be distributed*)