

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

I. STATUS

Meetings/reviews:

- July 3, 2020 via webinar: The SSC received reports from the Herring PDT based on the 2020 management track assessment for Atlantic herring and developed acceptable biological catch (ABC) and overfishing limit (OFL) recommendations for herring for 2021 and 2022.
- August 24, 2020 via webinar: The SSC received reports from the US/Canada TRAC Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Assessment and the Groundfish PDT report on ABC for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. It developed ABC and OFL recommendations for GB yellowtail flounder fishing for years 2021 and 2022. The committee also provided guidance on rebuilding plan approaches for white hake.
- August 21, 2020 via webinar: An SSC Subpanel for Groundfish Monitoring reviewed the report, “Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on New England Groundfish Management” and completed a report in response to the terms of reference provided by the Council.
- An SSC Subpanel conducted a review by correspondence of the Report, *Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Catch Share Review* and submitted a report in response to terms of reference provided by the Council.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation: SSC Chair, Dr. McNamee (*to be distributed*)
2. Memo from SSC re OFL and ABC recommendations for Atlantic herring
3. Memo from SSC re OFL and ABC recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and rebuilding plan options for white hake (*to be distributed*)
4. Report - *Scientific and Statistical Committee Sub-Panel Peer Review of Kerr et al. Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on New England Groundfish Management*
5. Memo from SSC Subpanel for Groundfish Sector Review re: Five-year Review of the Northeast Multispecies Sector Program (September 16, 2020)