

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

I. STATUS

SSC Meetings:

- July 29, 2021 webinar: a) The SSC received information from the management track assessment for the Northeast Skate Complex and the Monkfish PDT and based on this information developed ABC recommendations for the skate fishery for fishing years 2022 and 2023. b) The SSC received a report from Dr. Lindsey Williams on the SSC Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish and Scallops Specifications. Dr. Williams will report to the Council on the subpanel review under a separate agenda item. C) The SSC provided comments to the staff on NMFS draft guidance for developing status determination criteria (SDCs) for data limited stocks.
- August 24, 2021 webinar: The SSC received reports from the US/Canada TRAC Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Assessment and the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) report on ABC for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. Based on this information, it developed ABC and OFL recommendations for GB yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2022 and 2023.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation: SSC Chair, Dr. McNamee (*to be distributed*)
2. Memo from SSC re ABC recommendations for the Northeast Skate Complex
3. Memo from SSC re OFL and ABC recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder (*to be distributed*)
4. SSC Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish and Scallops Specifications
 - 4.a Presentation
 - 4.b [Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish and Scallops Specifications Response Memo](#)
 - 4.c [Terms of Reference – SSC Social Science Subpanel Review](#)