



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 26, 2016  
**TO:** Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)  
**FROM:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Terms of Reference – Groundfish Catch Advice Methods

#### Terms of Reference

- Review relevant information and analyses about the recent performance of the control rule and catch advice for groundfish stocks, and develop recommendations for modifications of the control rule if warranted, a process for taking into consideration the performance of past catch advice in achieving management objectives and additional analyses that would be useful.

#### Information

- 1.1 Catch Advice Project – Weidenmann & Jensen
  - a. Phase 1 and 2
  - b. Phase 3
  - c. Phase 4
- 1.2 Presentation: Overview of the EDF/UCSB study
- 1.3 NEFSC 2015 Groundfish Operational Assessments Executive Summary
- 1.4 Brooks and Legault 2016 *Retrospective forecasting — evaluating performance of stock projections for New England groundfish stocks* (journal article for SSC distribution only), abstract available to the public at:  
<http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/abs/10.1139/cjfas-2015-0163#.V0SFd-RVB8t>
- 1.5 Presentation: Council Staff Report – Application of SSC’s ABC Control Rule for Multispecies Stock (Cournane)
- 1.6 Wetzel & Punt Impact of Alternative Rebuilding Strategies for Overfished Stocks (May2016)
- 1.7 Benson et. al., An evaluation of Rebuilding Policies for U.S. Fisheries
- 1.8 DRAFT Risk Policy Matrix NEFMC, May 2016