

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

I. STATUS

A. Meetings

- 1) October 20, E. Boston, MA. The SSC:
 - a. Reviewed the 2014 assessment updates and the analyses from the Groundfish PDT and updated the OFLs and ABCs for pollock, Georges Bank (GB) winter flounder, and Gulf of Maine (GOM) winter flounder ABC for fishing years 2015-2017. (Information item #1).
 - b. Reviewed information provided through the PDT that estimates the amount of incidental catch of GOM cod that may be caught if the stock is not targeted and provided OFL and ABC recommendations for Gulf of Maine cod for fishing years 2015-2017 (Information item #1).

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required, however under the Groundfish agenda item, the Council is expected to approve OFLs and ABCs for pollock, GB winter flounder, GOM winter flounder and GOM cod in consideration of SSC recommendations.

III. INFORMATION

Background documents considered by the SSC are available from the Council's website at <http://www.nefmc.org/committees/scientific-and-statistical-committee> under the details and documents for the Aug. 25-26, 2014 and Sept. 15, 2014 SSC meetings.

1. *To be distributed when available* November 4, 2014 memo from the SSC to Thomas Nies - Overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for pollock, Georges Bank (GB) winter flounder, Gulf of Maine (GOM) winter flounder, and GOM cod
2. Assessment summaries for pollock, GB winter flounder, GOM winter flounder and GOM cod and information provided by the PDT to the SSC are included in the Groundfish information items under Tab 2.