

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

I. STATUS

Meetings:

The SSC met on October 18, 2016 in East Boston, MA. The committee received reports from the Scallop PDT and developed ABC and OFL recommendations for scallops for fishing year 2017 and a default recommendation for fishing year 2018. It also recommended priorities for Council consideration that included improving the performance of ABC control rules and groundfish catch advice.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action is required as a part of this agenda item, but the Council will consider the SSC's recommendations as part of other Council agenda items.

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation on SSC recommendations from the October 18, 2016 SSC meeting (*to be distributed before Council meeting*)
2. SSC Memo to Tom Nies re: Overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for Atlantic sea scallops for fishing year 2017 and default recommendations for 2018. (*to be distributed before Council meeting*)
3. Background documents available to the SSC at its October 18, 2016 meeting:
<http://www.nefmc.org/committees/scientific-and-statistical-committee>