

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

**I. STATUS**

Meetings:

The SSC met on August 10, 2016 in East Boston, MA. The committee received reports from the Groundfish, Monkfish and Red Crab PDTs and developed ABC and OFL recommendations for monkfish and red crab for fishing years 2017-2019 and for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2017-2018.

**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 August 10, 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 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2017 and 2018 (August 22, 2016)
3. SSC memo to Tom Nies re: Acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for monkfish for fishing years for 2017- 2019 (August 24, 2016)
4. SSC memo to Tom Nies re: Review of red crab interim acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule and development of 2017-2019 Overfishing level (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations
5. Background documents available to the SSC at its August 10, 2016 meeting:  
<http://www.nefmc.org/committees/scientific-and-statistical-committee>