## **Risk Policy Working Group**

Date: Monday, April 21, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355

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## Agenda item:

The Risk Policy Working Group will:

- Begin the development of a risk policy to serve as guidance for ABC (acceptable biological catch) control rules for Council-managed species;
- Discuss issues related to the development of the Council's risk policy, including but not limited to goals/objectives, umbrella approaches versus species-specific approaches, management strategy evaluation (MSE), and approaches utilized by other Councils;
- Discuss the timeline for developing a risk policy and identify milestones and Council decision points;
- Address other business as necessary.

## **Directions:**

*From the North* – Take I-95 South to Exit 90 in Connecticut. Take a left off the exit onto Route 27. At the second light, take a left onto Coogan Boulevard. The Hilton is over the hill on the right. (Travel time: Boston, 2 hours; Providence, 1 hour).

*From the South* – Take I-95 North to Exit 90. Go straight through the light and take a right onto Clara Drive. Go straight through the light and the hotel is on the left (Travel time: 45 minutes).

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