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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2020
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Tom Nies, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **RSA Program Implementation**

The Council adopted the Executive Committee's recommendations for moving forward the results of the RSA Program review. The Executive Committee should discuss the membership of the two groups that will be formed, and may want to discuss tasking and the timeline for the two groups.

RSA Program Review Implementation Team

This group is to focus on the ten concerns identified in Recommendation #2 of the Final report. The Council would take the lead on this effort. The first step of this group would be to prioritize the order that topics will be discussed. Output is a discussion paper that will be used to influence Council priorities. Suggested membership:

Council Members – 2, plus one staff

NEFSC – 1

GARFO – 1

AP/Public (with RSA experience) - 2-4

Sea Scallop Survey Advisory Panel

This Panel would design a strategic approach for sea scallop surveys and then explore mechanisms for implementation. The NEFSC should take the lead on this effort. It may be that membership may be different for the survey design and implementation phases of this discussion.

NEFSC – 2 (possibly more during survey design phase)

Council - 2, plus 1 staff

GARFO – 1 (participation may only be needed during implementation discussions)

Survey providers/public – 4-5 representatives should be solicited from recent survey providers

