

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. EBFM: At its November 10 meeting, the EBFM Committee provided feedback and guidance to the PDT on a prototype framework for an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP), including strawman goals and objectives. The PDT will hold additional meetings in December and January to continue developing the eFEP with more specific details and examples.
- B. NOAA Fisheries Draft Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Policy: The EBFM Committee discussed the proposed NOAA Fisheries Draft EBFM policy and authorized the committee chair to work with staff to draft comments based on the committee discussion. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee also met on November 23 to develop additional comments. Council comments are due on December 16.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve Council comments on NOAA Fisheries Draft Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Policy.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. EBFM PDT Progress Summary Report
- 2. Hierarchical structure: Overarching Goal, Strategic Objectives, Operational Objectives, & Desirable Management Components
- 3. Summary of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Components
- 4. Draft NOAA Fisheries EBFM Policy
- 5. Draft letter commenting on the Draft NOAA Fisheries EBFM Policy
- 6. SSC comments on Draft NOAA Fisheries EBFM Policy (see Tab 12)
- 7. November 10 EBFM Committee meeting summary