

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): The PDT is developing discussion documents that will focus on the following three eFEP components: Catch advice for stock complexes and allocations to fishery functional groups, management options for an overfished stock that is managed in a stock complex, spatial management strategies and ecosystem research to conserve habitat, spawning, and protected species in an ecosystem plan.
- B. Management Strategy Evaluation: The committee evaluated and will make recommendations for progressing with an MSE process to develop and evaluate management strategies for Georges Bank Fishery Ecosystem Plan.
- C. Meetings: The EBFM committee met on January 23-24, 2019 to consider additional components of the eFEP and develop recommendations for furthering EBFM development via Management Strategy Evaluation. The PDT meeting scheduled for January 18, 2019 was canceled due to the government shutdown.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve committee recommendations for a process to further EBFM development.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Progress toward developing EBFM management approaches
- 2. EBFM PDT task list for developing eFEP components
- 3. Short Draft: Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank
- 4. Example species complexes and functional groups
- 5. Thoughts on EBFM in New England, A Proposed Project Plan
- 6. Proposed Draft Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) timeline
- 7. EBFM Committee meeting summary
- 8. Correspondence