

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

(Revised 4/15/16)

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The committee met on April 14, 2016 and discussed progress toward developing an Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP).
- The PDT met last on March 29-30 to develop discussion documents that describe how an eFEP would work. The focus of the discussion was on the issues listed below. Several policy questions arose that were discussed at the April 14 committee meeting. Considerable more work is needed before these documents and an eFEP draft are ready.
 - Provision of EPU catch advice using ecosystem models
 - Overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks
 - Forage fish management policy and control rule options
 - Habitat and other types of conservation through spatial management
 - Development of a management strategy evaluation approach

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. EBFM PDT Progress Report and Overview
2. Draft eFEP Goals and Objectives
3. April 14, 2016 committee meeting summary (*to be distributed*)
4. eFEP Development Overview presentation