NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee

I. STATUS

- A. <u>Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP):</u> The Plan Development Team and EBFM Committee are developing a Georges Bank eFEP and operating models as a focal point for a management strategy evaluation. The committee will provide a progress report and recommend steps to be taken next.
- B. <u>Meetings</u>: The PDT held a conference call on December 13, 2016 and a meeting on January 11, 2017 to develop worked examples of operating model applications. The information developed by the PDT was presented to the EBFM Committee on January 23, 2017.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation progress on the development of operating models and draft example of Georges Bank ecosystem production unit a fishery ecosystem plan (*to be distributed*)
- 2. Report from the PDT on the application of operating models (to be distributed)