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MEETING NOTICE
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Social Sciences Subcommittee

Date: **Tuesday, December 15, 2026**
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Higgins Welcome Center, Anchor Room
University of Rhode Island
45 Upper College Road
Kingston, RI 02881
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Agenda:
The Scientific and Statistical Committee Social Sciences Subcommittee (SSS) will meet to:

- Receive and discuss an ongoing project using portfolio analysis to assess regional fishery revenue risk, support permit flexibility, and advance socioeconomic objectives. The portfolio concept is borrowed from finance, where diversification across assets can reduce risk. In a fisheries context, the project examines how the distribution of fishing revenue across species influences economic risk and whether existing permitting and management structures provide sufficient flexibility for fishing operations to adapt to changing conditions. The project is led by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology and is expected to be completed in summer 2027. The SSS can recommend project improvements and potential future uses of expected outcomes.
- Discuss steps in preparing groundfish sector annual year-end reports and plan for further review and development of recommended solutions for having the information in these reports of greater utility to the Council.
- Receive updates on the preparation of social science products (e.g., NEFMC Advisory Panel Performance Reports, Snapshot Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profiles, Risk Policy Reports, Social Sciences Branch portals and products), reflect on their utility for SSC discussions, and develop recommendations for continued improvement.
- Reflect on social science contributions to SSC discussions in 2026, plan for continued improvement.
- Discuss other business, as necessary.

Online access: This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Register here: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/RxC22AiLR0iHRUeilmsiEg. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended. For the best audio and visual experience, your Zoom desktop application must be updated prior to the meeting.

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