

New England Fishery Management Council

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AGENDA

RESEARCH STEERING COMMITTEE

August 8, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn, 100 High Street, Portsmouth, NH

9:30 Introduction and agenda review

9:40 Future of the Research Steering Committee

Staff overview of original formation, purposes, Council program review recommendations, potential future directions. Develop <u>preliminary</u> recommendations to the Council on the Research Review Policy and the purpose and functions of the RSC.

11:15 NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs for 2017-2021

Staff update on improving communication of research priorities and data needs, Council Coordination Committee discussion, and other developments. Develop any recommendations to the Council.

11:45 Northeast Fisheries Science Center

Introduction of Fishery Monitoring & Research Division Chief, Amanda McCarty; update on cooperative research activities. Develop any recommendations to the Council.

12:30 Lunch

1:45 RSA Program Review

Overview from RSA program review committee (Sissenwine). Develop any recommendations to the Council.

2:45 Management Review

Early Opening Experimental Fishery for Silver Hake/Whiting in Small Mesh Area I and the Western Raised Footrope Exemption Area (Chosid, Pol et al.)

3:30 Future of the Research Steering Committee

<u>Finalize</u> recommendations to the Council for the future of the RSC.

- 4:15 Other Business
- 4:30 Adjourn