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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Risk Policy Working Group

January 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Mary Beth Tooley (Chairman), Demet Haksever, Fiona Hogan (NEFMC staff); Moira Kelly (NMFS GARFO staff); Jon Deroba (NEFSC); Steve Cadrin, Dan Georgianna, Patricia Pinto da Silva (SSC).

KEY OUTCOMES:

- The Risk Policy Working Group (RPWG) met on January 11, 2016 to continue development of the Risk Policy Roadmap (Roadmap).

DISCUSSION OF RISK POLICY ROADMAP

The RPWG further refined the Roadmap to improve clarity and guidance on the implementation plan. The Risk Policy Roadmap provides a comprehensive discussion of the risk policy and management strategy evaluation. The Roadmap also outlines a long-term strategy for implementing the NEFMC Risk Policy across all FMPs. There was some concern that the existing implementation plan may be difficult for usage across FMPs as it appeared to rely heavily on Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE). The RPWG wanted to acknowledge that it is not always possible to complete a MSE depending on the resources and data available. The RPWG modified the Roadmap to broaden the tools used to evaluate risk to range from qualitative to a full MSE. A Fishery Performance Report was proposed when developing specifications to provide additional information to help evaluate tradeoffs. Specifications were considered to be a logical management alternative to begin implementing this method. The RPWG also recommended a re-evaluation of the risk policy after 3-5 years.

For more information regarding the work conducted at this RPWG meeting, please refer to the Risk Policy Roadmap.