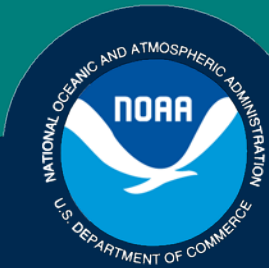


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Northeast Trawl Survey Advisory Panel Formation

Report to MAFMC and NEFMC
June 2015

June 5, 2015

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Composed of commercial fishing, fishery survey,
and fishery management professionals

Purpose

1. Identify concerns about regional research survey performance and data
2. Identify methods to address or mitigate these concerns
3. Promote mutual understanding and acceptance of results



Objectives

1. Understand existing NEFSC trawl survey gear performance and methodology
2. Evaluate the potential to complement or supplement current NEFSC surveys
3. Improve understanding and acceptance of NEFSC survey data quality and results



Organization

1. Co-chaired by Mid-Atlantic and New England Council Chairs
2. Mid-Atlantic Council is lead organization for administering the panel
3. Panel will report directly to the Councils
4. Three year term with possibility to extend at discretion of the Councils
5. Draft charter discussed at NRCC will be updated based on feedback from Councils