

# RSA Program Review Update

## Research Steering Committee

### Portsmouth

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# NEFMC RSA Program Review

- Three RSA programs in New England
  - Scallops
  - Monkfish
  - Herring
- Generally successful, but improvements always possible.
- Council priority in 2017, but delayed until recently.
- Executive Committee decided an internal review process.
- Developed review guidance (ToR) in February 2018.

# RSA Review Panel

- Review Panel:

Dr. Michael Sissenwine, Chair (NEFMC)

Ms. Deirdre Boelke (NEFMC)

Mr. Ryan Silva (GARFO)

Ms. Susan Olsen (GARFO)

Ms. Cheryl Corbett (NEFSC)

Dr. Dan Hennan (NEFSC)

Brandon Muffley (MAFMC Representative/Observer)

- Panel will work via webinar and in-person meetings.
- Panel will solicit input from each species Committee, as well as additional interested stakeholders.



# RSA Program Review Timeline

- Timeline of major milestones is still uncertain.

Milestones	Tentative Target Dates
Develop work plan and outline	Mar-Apr 2018
Seek input from Committees	May-June 2018
Seek additional input	Summer 2018
Draft report	Summer 2018
Final report	December 2018

- Input will *not* be available for FY2019 decisions.
- Brief progress reports at June and Sept Council meetings and “final” report presented in December 2018.



# Information Gathering

1. Documenting first hand knowledge/experience of review panel members.
2. Review of previous documents about RSA
3. Meeting with Committees/APs/PDPs for RSA fisheries
4. On-line survey
5. Interviews

# RSA Review Draft Outline

Chapter	Details
I	<b>Findings and Recommendations</b>
II	<b>Introduction</b> <i>What is RSA, history of programs, role of RSA, purpose of review</i>
III	<b>Description of RSA Programs</b> <i>Details about RSA by FMP, how priorities are set, roles and responsibilities, valuing and monetizing RSA currency, funding vehicles (pros and cons), project selection, RSA results, etc.</i>
IV	<b>Getting the most out of RSA in the future</b> <i>Role of RSA, type of RSA activities, maximizing the value, planning, optimizing efforts, assuring integrity and value, etc.</i>





## Key Issues (so far)

- **Role of RSA**
- **Planning and priority setting**
- **Monetizing RSA fishing opportunities**
- **Administration of RSA programs**
- **Making use of RSA results**