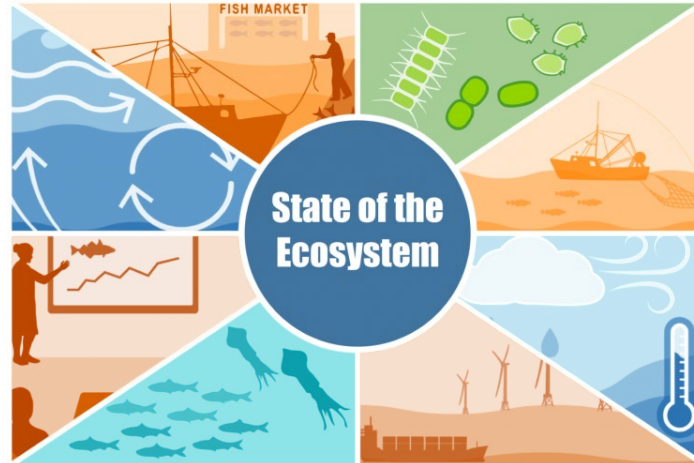




SSC Report to NEFMC

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Topics

- SSC meeting on March 26 covered a couple topics but this presentation will only cover SSC comments on State of the Ecosystem Report



Terms of Reference

- The SSC will receive a presentation on the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Ecosystems Status Report and provide the Council any recommendations about possible revisions to the report for the next year



State of the Ecosystem Report

– SSC Comments

- SSC was provided a thorough review of the State of the Ecosystem Report (SOE) by Dr Sean Lucey
- SSC appreciated the new structure and again thanked NEFSC for such a useful and quality product
 - Positive evolution of the report since its inception was appreciated by the group
- SSC made several editorial comments; subsequently provided to NEFSC directly



State of the Ecosystem Report

– SSC Comments

- SSC offered the following suggestions for consideration as modifications to the report:
 - Ocean acidification is a factor contained in the MAFMC report and could be considered as an addition to the New England version of the report as well
 - There was discussion on trends presented in the report, with a note that long term trends would be more valuable if shorter term trends were also presented for context



State of the Ecosystem Report – SSC Comments

- SSC offered the following suggestions for consideration as modifications to the report:
 - General appreciation for socio-economic information contained in the report; SSC felt there was more scope to broaden this information even further
 - Expansion of the subset of the information on the spatial nature of socio-cultural information
 - More focus on commercial revenues than commercial profits would be beneficial



State of the Ecosystem Report

– SSC Comments

- SSC offered the following suggestions for consideration as modifications to the report:
 - SSC stated that offering management objectives up front in the report was a way to provide context for the overall report



State of the Ecosystem Report

– SSC Comments

- Some discussion on how the information could be incorporated into stock assessments:
 - A more directed subject specific series of reports is being developed for this purpose; NEFSC also recognizes the need to provide the information in a way that can be integrated into the quantitative processes for fish stocks
 - They are working towards this product in parallel with the SOE



Questions?

