

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Research Steering Committee

I. STATUS

Meetings:

The Research Steering Committee met on October 22, 2015 in Taunton, MA, to review 2012 Scallop and Monkfish RSA reports and discuss other business. The RSC agreed that further research on the cause of gray meats in sea scallops is necessary, and agreed that there is a need for enhanced sampling of sea scallops to monitor meat quality and marketability. The RSC also agreed that further research is needed to substantiate the genetic stock structure of Monkfish. The Council multi-year research priorities and data needs list will be updated in 2016 based on input from all Committees and PDTs, including the Research Steering Committee. The SSC will review the list once all PDTs/Committees have provided feedback.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

1. October 22, 2015 Meeting Summary (will be provided)