NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

I. STATUS

A. <u>Specifications for 2016 -17</u>: The specifications package for FY 2016 and FY 2017 is under development. The MAFMC SSC discussed the spiny dogfish ABC specifications at their September 16, 2015 meeting. A Dogfish Committee meeting was held as part of the MAFMC October 2015 meeting. The MAFMC SSC will hold a conference call to revisit the ABC recommendation because of the missing 2014 NEFSC trawl survey index.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Select preferred alternatives for dogfish specifications for FY2016-2018 and associated management measures.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. MAFMC Dogfish Specifications Briefing Materials
- 2. MAFMC Science and Statistical Committee Report (to be provided after 11/24)