

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Monkfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Monkfish Committee met on April 7, 2015 in Warwick, RI to discuss draft alternatives for Framework Adjustment 9.
- B. Framework 9: The Committee provided guidance to the PDT regarding the current draft alternatives and proposed adding additional alternatives that would allow the use of less than 10 inch mesh for standup gillnets on a monkfish DAS and the re-declaration to a RSA DAS while at sea. The PDT is currently working on drafting and analyzing the alternatives. The current working timeline has final action being taken in June.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Discuss and possibly modify management measures under consideration for Framework 9
- B. Review and approve monkfish RSA priorities

II. INFORMATION

- 1. Draft alternatives for Framework 9 as modified by the Committee dated April 10, 2015
- 2. PDT memo re Framework 9 to the Committee dated March 31, 2015
- 3. Monkfish RSA Priorities
- 4. Monkfish Committee motions from April 7, 2015