

# NEFMC Report to the Council Coordination Committee

January 25-26, 2012

## Status of Rebuilding Plans:

1. Multispecies (Groundfish) – 20 stocks
  - a. No overfishing - 8 stocks; Overfishing – 10 stocks; Unknown – 2 stocks
  - b. Not overfished – 6 stocks; Overfished – 13 stocks; Unknown – 1 stock
  - c. On schedule for rebuilding with possible exception of GOM cod.
2. Sea Scallops
  - a. No overfishing
  - b. Not overfished
3. Atlantic Sea Herring
  - a. No overfishing
  - b. Not overfished
4. Small Mesh Multispecies (5 stocks)
  - a. No overfishing – 3 stocks; Unknown – 2 stocks
  - b. Not overfished – 5 stocks
5. Skates (7 stocks)
  - a. No overfishing – 7 stocks
  - b. Not overfished – 5 stocks; Overfished – 2 stocks
  - c. 2 skate stocks on schedule for rebuilding.
6. Red Crab
  - a. No overfishing
  - b. Not overfished
7. Atlantic salmon
  - a. No overfishing
  - b. Overfished (depleted for other reasons other than fishing)
  - c. Not subject to rebuilding plan requirements.
8. Monkfish
  - a. No overfishing
  - b. Not overfished

**New management programs under development:** 1) Catch Shares in our jointly managed (NEFMC/MAFMC) Monkfish FMP. 2) Six year Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Plan - EBFM. 3) New Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Plan – SBRM.

**Problems/concerns/other issues:** 1) Anti Catch Shares sentiment in media from two largest ports Gloucester and New Bedford. 2) Recent GOM cod stock assessment. 3) Response to Touchstone Report –Review of New England Fishery Management Process Report. 4) Pending IG review of NOAA and its RFMCs “rulemaking”. 5) Costs of at sea observer coverage, who should pay.