

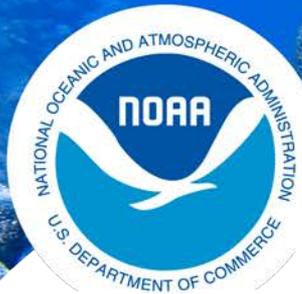


NEFSC Program Review Protected Species Science

Welcome and Charge to Review Panel

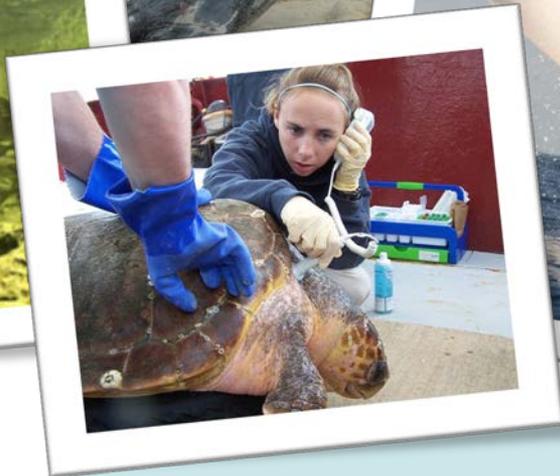
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Northeast Fisheries Science Center

Mission

Conduct ecosystem-based research and assessments of living marine resources, with a focus on the Northeast Shelf, to promote the recovery and long-term sustainability of these resources, and to generate social and economic opportunities and benefits from their use.

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

Employment

About 380 people
(FTEs+Contractors)

Locations

5 states: Maine, Massachusetts,
Rhode Island, Connecticut, New
Jersey

Study Area

Northeast Shelf, Maine to Cape
Hatteras NC

Funding

FY14 permanent \$55.6 million
FY14 reimbursable \$4.5 million



Prepared for NEFSC Protected Species Science Program Review April 13-16 2015, Woods Hole, MA

NOAA Fisheries Science Program Reviews

Reviews of science programs at NOAA Fisheries science centers are conducted annually to:

- Evaluate the quality, relevance, and performance of science and research conducted in NMFS science centers and associated laboratories
- Strategically position the science centers and NMFS Office of Science and Technology in planning future science and research

Previous NEFSC Science Program Reviews

2013 – Fishery stock assessment data

2014 – Fishery stock assessment models

Reports and responses to these reviews are available on the NEFSC Program Review website

http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/program_review/

Objectives of the Protected Species Science Program Review

Evaluate the NEFSC scientific programs that support the conservation and management of marine mammals, sea turtles, and Atlantic salmon and other ESA listed fishes

Assess the extent to which current science programs are focused on the highest priority information needs identified by NMFS managers

Terms of Reference Focus Areas

TOR 1

Are we meeting mandates and regulatory needs?

TOR 2

Where are there research and partnership opportunities?

TOR 3

Are our scientific objectives, techniques, and approaches right?

TOR 4

Are our studies properly conducted?

TOR 5

How are we communicating/applying advances in protected species science?

Panel Recommendations Lead to Action

NEFSC Leadership responds to Panel report

Recommendations reflected in subsequent operations

- Guidance memos
- Activity plans
- Employee performance plans

Periodic status reports are made to NMFS HQ and Science Board

Program Review Agenda

Monday 13 April

- Welcome
- Mandates, science needs, NEC structure & budget
- Cross-cutting data collection and analysis programs
- Public comment
- Review panel working session

Tuesday 14 April

- Day 1 follow up
- North Atlantic right whales
- Seals
- Public comment
- Review panel working session

Wednesday 15 April

- Day 2 follow up
- Atlantic salmon
- Other protected fish
- Synthesis
- Public comment
- Review panel working session

Thursday 16 April

- Review panel working session
- Report writing
- Report out to NEFSC leadership