

Planning information about the Data Poor Stocks Working Group (WG) meetings at the NEFSC in Woods Hole, MA.

#### Scheduled Meetings:

\*Meeting 1.\* Oct. 2-3, 2008. (Day 1: 9am – 5pm; Day 2: 10am – 4pm)  
Day 1 is primarily for the assessment scientists. Day 2 is for the assessment scientists as well as the fishery managers from the NERO, both Councils and the ASMFC. Both days are open to all participants, should you wish to attend both days. Meeting Scope: For each stock identify what makes this a “data poor” stock, review previous assessment challenges, review existing BRPs and proxies and identify any problems related to them, briefly review existing data strengths/weaknesses, identify and plan what approaches and analyses need to be explored/done for the next meeting. Dr. Paul Rago will chair this meeting.

\*Meeting 2.\* Nov. 3-7, 2008. This is the primary technical working meeting to review what the analysts have done since Meeting 1, and to complete that work. By the end of this meeting, the WG should have draft results and conclusions for each TOR. This will need to be completed and written up so that it can be sent out to the Peer Review Panel for their consideration before Meeting 3.

\*Meeting 3.\* Dec. 8-12, 2008. An “interactive” Peer review with the WG will take place. The review Panel will interact and participate with the WG to incorporate new perspectives and decide on final results and BRP recommendations for each TOR. Revise the draft report and create final report. Final editing can take place after the meeting, but no major changes should occur.

All meetings are open to the public.

#### Working Group Participants:

The WG is to include representatives from the staffs of the NEFMC (2), MAFMC (2), ASMFC (2), NERO (3), and NEFSC (5). Other individuals with appropriate expertise, possibly from other laboratories or universities, could be asked to join the WG. Participants should be strong on technical issues and/or understand regulations and management implications for one or more of the stocks that are listed. Weakfish has its

own Term of Reference, and this is mainly to prepare for SARC48 in June 2009.

Review Panel (Chair and reviewers):

The Review Panel must attend the entire 3rd meeting (Dec. 8-12). If any panelists want to get familiar with the issues ahead of time, they are welcome to attend the other meetings, but this is not a requirement. The panel will consist of a chair and probably three reviewers. Each of the Councils is asked to provide one of their SSC members to serve as a reviewer on the panel. The ASMFC is also asked to provide one reviewer to serve on the panel. All review panelists must have expertise in fishery science, in particular in the management, BRPs, and assessment of “data poor” stocks. Familiarity with some, or most, of the stocks is necessary.

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