

NEFSC Abstract Reviewer's Checklist

The following questions reflect the kind of advice we seek from you with regard to the enclosed abstract. We do not expect you to answer all of the questions. These questions are simply a tool that may prove useful in organizing your thoughts.

1. Is the main topic of the research identified in the abstract as it is in the title?
2. Does the abstract synoptically state the basic purpose of the research, the methods used, and the results and conclusions?
3. Is the abstract of a length permitted by the journal (usually not more than 250 words)?
4. Does the abstract inappropriately contain any incomplete sentences?
5. Does the abstract inappropriately contain any abbreviations or terms that might confuse readers in other disciplines?
6. Does the abstract inappropriately contain any illustrations or tables?
7. Does the abstract inappropriately contain any references to illustrations or tables, or to the literature?
8. Are there keywords appended to the abstract? If so, are the word choices the best possible to aid other researchers in evaluating the usefulness of the research for their purposes?