### **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

# **Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee**

### I. STATUS

EBFM Public Outreach: Using guidance from the MSE Steering Committee, a request for proposals to facilitate six public information workshops was published and staff is reviewing the applications. A final evaluation was recently completed and we expect to hire a facilitator soon. After an initial stakeholder engagement phase, the workshops are expected to occur as soon as the Council is able to hold in-person meetings.

<u>Beta MSE:</u> A draft plan for an MSE design has been sent to the Committee and the PDT for their consideration and comment. A joint EBFM Committee and PDT meeting will be scheduled in February or early March to agree on an MSE design for presentation at the April Council meeting.

## II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

#### III. INFORMATION

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