

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Ecosystems Based Fishery Management Committee**

**I. STATUS**

Meetings: The EBFM Committee met on September 3, 2021 to receive updates on the public information workshops and develop management priority recommendations. Staff also met with NOAA Fisheries Leadership on September 17, 2021 to discuss questions related to National Standard 1 approvability of the example Fishery Ecosystem Plan’s “ceilings and floors approach”.

EBFM Public Outreach: Based on the recommendations of the EBFM Management Strategy Evaluation Steering Committee (MSE SC), staff is developing a request for proposals and a statement of work to conduct an initial phase of up to six short, port-based workshops. EBFM Public Information Workshops are expected to begin in late 2021.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

No action is needed.

**III. INFORMATION**

1. EBFM Committee meeting summary, September 3, 2021
2. Correspondence