

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

**I. STATUS**

- A. EBFM Public Outreach: The Council hired Mr. Thomas Balf of Oceanvest in Gloucester, MA to facilitate discussion about EBFM with stakeholders and prepare for six EBFM public information workshops. The initial outreach and stakeholder discussions (Phase 1A) have been completed, and the final report has been published on the NEFMC website. Using the feedback received from stakeholders and guidance from the EBFM Committee, Oceanvest is preparing for the six stakeholder workshops, which will be conducted in Phase 1b during mid-October to mid-November. Phase 2 will consist of two deep-dive multi-day workshops, which will be held early in 2023. This schedule should coincide with when the results of the pMSE initiative start becoming available.
- B. Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE): A contractor to conduct the pMSE has been chosen and a contract is being negotiated. EBFM Committee meetings with Advisory Panel chairs are scheduled for October 13 in Portland and October 28 in New Bedford.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

No action required.

**III. INFORMATION**

1. Draft workshop agenda and locations
2. Ecosystem Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Outreach in Support of Upcoming NEFMC Workshops, Final Report, Oceanvest LLC
3. [EBFM Committee meeting summary, July 26, 2022](#)
4. Request for proposals to conduct the pMSE was published on May 17, 2022 - [request for proposals](#)