

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Habitat Oversight Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment: The amendment was submitted to NMFS on December 21.
- B. Clam dredge Framework: The framework was submitted to NMFS on February 28.
- C. Research planning for the Great South Channel HMA: The Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) held a meeting on March 7 to discuss this issue and is working on a planning document that scopes out the roles and responsibilities of participants as well as priorities for the work. This issue will be discussed at an upcoming Habitat Committee meeting planned for May 9.
- D. Offshore Energy Coordination: Staff engagement in these issues is ongoing. A special session on this topic is planned for this Council meeting on April 18. Objectives for the session are: (1) Council members and audience will learn more about offshore wind development; (2) Council members will engage in thinking and discussion about offshore wind energy and how the Council should be engaged in the issue moving forward; and (3) to provide an opportunity for developer representatives, Council members, and Council stakeholders to understand each other's interests and objectives better.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

Consider and possibly refine the Council's strategy for engagement in offshore energy issues.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Offshore Wind Special Session Presentations (forthcoming)
  - a. Section I
  - b. Section II
  - c. Section III
  - d. Section IV
- 2. Offshore Wind Special Session Documents
  - a. Detailed agenda for this session
  - b. Handout – participants in the offshore wind development process
  - c. MOU between NOAA, BOEM, and RODA
  - d. Executive Order 13807
  - e. Secretarial Order 3355
  - f. NOAA comments on Vineyard Wind DEIS
  - g. NOAA request for information to support EFH, ESA consultations on Vineyard Wind project
  - h. Federal Register notice for Port Access Route Study: The Areas Offshore of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

- i. Federal Register notice for Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study: Port Approaches and International Entry and Departure Transit Areas
  - j. Vineyard Wind Fishermen Scoping Workshops Report
  - k. NOAA research planning document, survey section
  - l. ROSA charter
3. Correspondence