

## **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 submission document is being finalized by staff and will be submitted to NMFS as soon as possible, but no later than early February.
- C. Research planning for the Great South Channel HMA: The Habitat PDT held a conference call on December 20 to discuss research planning for the Great South Channel HMA with fishing industry members and other stakeholders. An in-person meeting will be planned soon (date to be determined).
- D. Offshore Energy Coordination: Staff, working with a new contractor to the Council (Beech Hill Consulting, LLC) and with MAFMC staff, wrote and submitted comments on the Vineyard Wind DEIS (deadline January 22, 2019).

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

No action required.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Plan Development Team conference call summary (December 20, 2018)
- 2. Commercial Fishing Transit Lanes and Offshore Wind Energy in the New York Bight: Fishermen Survey (RODA/NYSERDA)
- 3. Workshop Announcement re: Commercial Fishing Transit Lanes and Offshore Wind Energy in the New York Bight (and Other Updates) (RODA/NYSERDA)
- 4. South Fork Wind Farm Fisheries Research and Monitoring Questionnaire (Ørsted)
- 5. Correspondence