

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Habitat Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Omnibus EFH Amendment 2: The Council deemed the regulations during March and a proposed rule will be published later this year.
- B. Clam dredge framework adjustment: The PDT has been working on data products to support alternatives development, and there is a recent clam dredge survey of Nantucket Shoals. The timeline has been pushed back because publication of the OHA2 proposed rule has been delayed.
- C. Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment: The PDT has been working on data products to support development of Option 7, an empirically-based broad coral protection zone, which was discussed by the Council in June.

A meeting of the Habitat Committee is planned for October 4. Planning for an advisory panel meeting is underway.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff presentation (*to be distributed*)
- 2. Correspondence