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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2023
TO: Habitat Committee and Habitat Advisory Panel
FROM: Eric Reid, Habitat Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Charge to Committee for January 12, 2023 meeting

There will be a Habitat Committee meeting on January 12 via webinar from 2:00-4:30. See here to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/315146848626568541>.

Aquaculture

The Council approved goals and objectives for an action to consider authorization of Atlantic salmon aquaculture in the EEZ in December. The PDT reviewed a draft range of alternatives and rationale on January 4. Staff intend to circulate these alternatives for your review on Monday, January 9. The Committee should provide input on these alternatives, which we plan to review through the Enforcement Committee in the near term. Staff will also describe information to be provided as background in the affected environment section of the document and welcomes input on other information that would provide useful context for decision making. I expect this agenda item will take up most of the meeting time.

2023 Council Priorities

Staff will review a draft work plan for 2023.

Other business

Members can use this time to raise any other business items not otherwise on the agenda.

Meeting Materials

The documents listed below will be posted to <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jan-12-2023-habitat-committee-webinar>. If you have any questions about the materials, please contact Ms. Bachman (mbachman@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 x120).

1. Tasking memo from Committee Chair Eric Reid
2. Habitat Committee/Advisory Panel meeting summary – November 18, 2022
3. Habitat PDT meeting summary (DRAFT) – January 4, 2023
4. Staff presentation covering all topics
5. Sections of Draft Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Framework – January 9, 2023
6. Correspondence