

New England Fishery Management Council

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Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Plan Development Team Conference Call

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

• Review and edit a draft document that describes an operating model for a Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit, which will become a core part of an example, or prototype, Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

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