



New England Fishery Management Council

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REVISED NOTICE (changes to webinar times) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting - via webinar

Date: Friday, March 30, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is convening an ad-hoc sub-panel of its Scientific and Statistical Committee to peer review two reports. These reports are:

- Powell, Eric N., Kelsey Kuykendall, and Paula Moreno. Analysis of ancillary survey data and surfclam fishery tow data for the Georges Shoals Habitat Management Area on Georges Bank and the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area. Science Center for Marine Fisheries, August 2016. 29p.
- Powell, Eric N., Roger Mann, Kelsey M. Kuykendall, M. Chase Long, and Jeremy Timbs. The “East of Nantucket” Survey. Science Center for Marine Fisheries, February 2018. 33p.

The Council plans to use the results of these studies to support decision making in a fishery management plan framework adjustment. The Council is seeking advice from peer reviewers about how the data and conclusions from the two studies might be used to support development and evaluation of alternatives to consider possible exemption areas for hydraulic clam dredge gear within the newly designated Great South Channel habitat management area. This 748 nm² management area overlaps Nantucket Shoals, and is located approximately 12 nm southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and 6 nm east of Nantucket Island. The reports summarize hydraulic dredge survey information for the habitat management area, including catches of clams and clam shells as well as other components of the seafloor substrate.

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