New England Fishery Management Council
Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting
Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA
April 3, 2018

Habitat Advisory Panel Membership	
Christopher McGuire, Falmouth, MA - *Chair*	Ben Martens, Brunswick, ME
Gib Brogan, Wayland, MA	Drew Minkiewicz, Alexandria, VA
Beth Casoni, Marshfield, MA	Maggie Raymond, Berwick, ME
Ben Cowie-Haskell, Scituate, MA	Ron Smolowitz, E. Falmouth, MA
Jeff Kaelin, Cape May, NJ	Dave Wallace, Cambridge, MD
Megan Lapp, Narragansett, RI	John Williamson, Kennebunk, ME

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions (Chris McGuire)

9:40 a.m. Clam framework

1. Detailed review of information developed by the PDT to support the clam dredge framework (Michelle Bachman, refer to documents 1-3).
2. Suggest exemption area alternatives for Habitat Committee consideration (Chris McGuire).
3. Provide any additional guidance to the Habitat Committee about how to design or evaluate alternatives (Chris McGuire).

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

1:45 p.m. Offshore energy

1. Briefing on recent Council engagement and upcoming comment opportunities (Michelle Bachman).
2. Provide guidance to Habitat Committee and Council, including specific comments on projects, and general suggestions for approaches to engagement (Chris McGuire).

3:30 p.m. Other business (Chris McGuire)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

MEETING MATERIALS

1. PDT summaries
    a. March 2, 2018
    b. March 16, 2018
2. Presentation – background information to support development of clam framework
3. Map book – Great South Channel HMA
4. MAFMC clam fishery background
    a. 2017 Surfclam/ocean quahog fishery performance report
    b. 2017 Surfclam information document
5. Presentation – offshore energy update
6. Any offshore energy-related notices available before April 3
7. Correspondence