

New England Fishery Management Council

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Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Plan Development Team Conference Call

Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Agenda:

The Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Plan Development Team (PDT) will review and provide feedback on an initial draft ecosystem risk assessment for the Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit, a prototype of what could become a useful tool for EBFM development and other uses. The PDT will also discuss the further development of an example or prototype Fishery Ecosystem Plan. Other related matters may be discussed as needed.

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