



New England Fishery Management Council

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Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Plan Development Team (PDT) Meeting **Meeting Cancelled Due to Government Shutdown**

Date: Friday, January 18, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Hampton Inn and Suites
2 Foxborough Blvd.
Foxborough, MA 02035
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Agenda:

The EBFM PDT will revise and complete discussion documents related to the following example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP) components:

- Options to respond to an overfished stock (with a catch limit that is part of a stock complex) in an ecosystem plan.
- Options to set Allowable Biological Catch for stock complexes in an ecosystem plan, via allocations to fishery functional groups (e.g. types of fisheries defined by gear, mesh, vessel size or other characteristics).
- Issues related to spatial management and ecosystem productivity, including habitat, spawning, and protected species issues.

In addition, the PDT will provide feedback on The Northeast Fisheries Science Center's planning activities and available models to support the Council's ecosystem-based management plan development, which will be presented to the EBFM Committee at its next meeting.

Directions: From I-95 South: Take exit 7B to merge onto MA-140 South/Commercial Street. Follow to 2nd light and take a left onto Forbes Boulevard.

From I-95 North: Go toward Providence, stay on 95N exit 7A to merge onto MA-140S toward Mansfield. Turn left on Forbes Boulevard and left onto Foxborough Boulevard.

From I-495 North or South: Take exit 12 toward MA-140N/Mansfield. Continue on MA-140N/Commercial Street to Foxborough Boulevard.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Development Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast, but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will not be taken during PDT conference calls.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committee. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.