

New England Fishery Management Council

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Observer Policy Committee Conference Call

Date: Friday, September 13, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

- Review the draft National Marine Fisheries Service Procedural Directive and consider a response.
- Other business, if necessary.

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