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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 19, 2022
TO: EBFM PDT
FROM: Andrew Applegate, EBFM PDT Chair
SUBJECT: Purpose and agenda for meeting

The **Ecosystem Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Plan Development Team (PDT)** will meet by webinar beginning at 9:30 am on October 19, 2022. The meeting will break for lunch and at other times, as needed.

Purpose: This meeting will focus on a workplan and decision points for a **Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE)** for the **Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit**, based on the framework in the Council's example Fishery Ecosystem Plan. **Technical guidance and feedback from the PDT is expected and will be incorporated into future work. The pMSE is being led and conducted by Dr. Gavin Fay and Dr. Lisa Kerr, following the scope of work (Document 2b).**

The Council is conducting a pMSE to develop the tools conduct a full stakeholder-engaged MSE in 2023 and understand the gaps in information and analyses that will be needed. In addition, the Council is currently conducting [seven Public Information Workshops](#) to engage with stakeholders about eFEP and potential EBFM strategies, using the communication tools that were developed by Greenfin Studio and reviewed by the PDT.

Meeting materials. A PDF of each document will be posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide access to additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Andrew Applegate (aapplegate@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 114). Although the Council is not currently staffing the office, phone calls to the office will ring through to many staffers.

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Prototype MSE materials
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Scope of work
 - c. Introduction to MSE
3. Draft summary for first stakeholder scoping workshop, October 13, 2022

AGENDA

ECOSYSTEM BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Webinar

October 19, 2022

- 9:30 am Agenda and purpose of meeting (Document 1)..... (Applegate)
- 9:15 pMSE workplan, introduction to pMSE model framework and decision points,
 summary of first MSE stakeholder scoping workshop, plan for second stakeholder
 scoping workshop.....(Fay, Kerr)
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 1:15 pm pMSE discussion and guidance (PDT)
- 3:15 Other business and issues (PDT)
- 4:30 Adjourn