



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2002
TO: EBFM Committee
FROM: John Pappalardo, EBFM Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Purpose and agenda for meeting

The **Ecosystem Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee** will meet at the School for Marine Science & Technology) beginning at 9:30 am on October 28, 2022:

SMAST-East (rooms 101-103)
836 S Rodney French Boulevard
New Bedford MA 02744

The meeting will break for lunch and at other times, as needed. Because there are not convenient locations for lunch, a menu available for workshop attendees to choose from (selections from a local restaurant). We will take orders in the morning and place a group order that will be brought to SMAST. The cost for lunch will be in the ~\$15-20 range, or you may bring your own to the meeting.

This is an in-person meeting only. The Council's Advisory Panel chairs are encouraged to attend and participate as stakeholders.

Purpose: The Committee will:

- **Receive an update on the on-going public information workshops**
- **Conduct a scoping workshop for the Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE), with the Committee members and Advisory Panel chairs to act as stakeholders**

Following the Council's completion of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP), the Council convened a [Management Strategy Evaluation Steering Committee](#) (MSE SC) to advise the Council on how to initiate the next step and to roll out the eFEP to the public. Their [primary advice](#) was to begin a strategic outreach program involving a professional science communicator and a more tangible worked example. As a management priority for 2022, the Council approved the initiation of a Prototype MSE for Georges Bank EBFM.

The Council contracted with Mr. Tom Balf of Oceanvest to conduct initial outreach and facilitate seven port-based meetings to discuss the EBFM concept and answer questions from stakeholders. Mr. Balf has worked with invited experts to develop effective presentations and prepare them for questions and discussions about EBFM. The workshops will be held in late

October and early November (see [news release and schedule](#)). A final report summarizing the workshops will be presented to the Council in December.

The Council also has contracted with Dr. Gavin Fay and Dr. Lisa Kerr to prepare and conduct a prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE) based on the management framework described in the Council's example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP). For this prototype MSE, the Council decided to use the Committee members and Advisory Panel chairs to act as stakeholders.

This initial workshop focused on problem framing and the goals for the pMSE. This meeting will focus on defining the operating models to be used and identification of desirable goals and objectives for Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management for Georges Bank.

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).

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this document)
2. pMSE materials
 - a. Presentation pMSE Management Objectives
 - b. pMSE Workshop 1 Summary, October 13, 2022
 - c. eFEP Goals and Objectives
 - d. pMSE Statement of Work

AGENDA

ECOSYSTEM BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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- 9:30 am Agenda and purpose of meeting (Document 1)(Pappalardo)
- 9:45 Public Information Workshop update..... (Applegate; Balf)
- 10:15 Prototype MSE for Georges Bank EBFM second workshop (Document 2a, 2b, and 2c)
.....(Fay and Kerr)
- Project Team Introduction & Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities (M. Guyant) (~15 mins)
 - Project and Scoping Workshop Summary (M. Guyant) (~30 mins, document 2a)
 - Workshop objectives and pMSE timeline
 - Breakout Discussion: Priority Items for pMSE (~30 mins, documents 2a, 2c,)
 - Plenary Discussion: Priority Items for pMSE (~30 mins)
 - Project Team Introduction & Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities (M. Guyant) (~15 mins)
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 1:00 Prototype MSE for Georges Bank EBFM second workshop (continued)
- Management Goals and Objectives (G. Fay, L. Kerr) (~30 mins, documents 2a, 2c)
 - Breakout Discussion: Management Objectives (M. Guyant) (~30mins)
 - Fundamental and Means Objectives (G. Fay) (~15mins)
 - Breakout Discussion: Fundamental and Means Objectives (~30 mins)
 - Plenary Discussion: Management Objectives (~45 mins)
 - Scenario Table Demonstration (G. Fay, L. Kerr) (~30 mins)
 - pMSE timeline and next steps (M. Guyant) (~30 mins)
- 4:00 Adjourn