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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 20, 2002

TO: EBFM Committee and Advisory Panel Chairs

FROM: John Pappalardo, EBFM Committee Chair

SUBJECT: **Purpose and agenda for meeting**

The **Ecosystem Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee** will meet via webinar from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to continue development of a Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE). The Council's Advisory Panel chairs are encouraged to attend and participate as stakeholders.

Purpose: The Committee and Advisory Panel Chairs will:

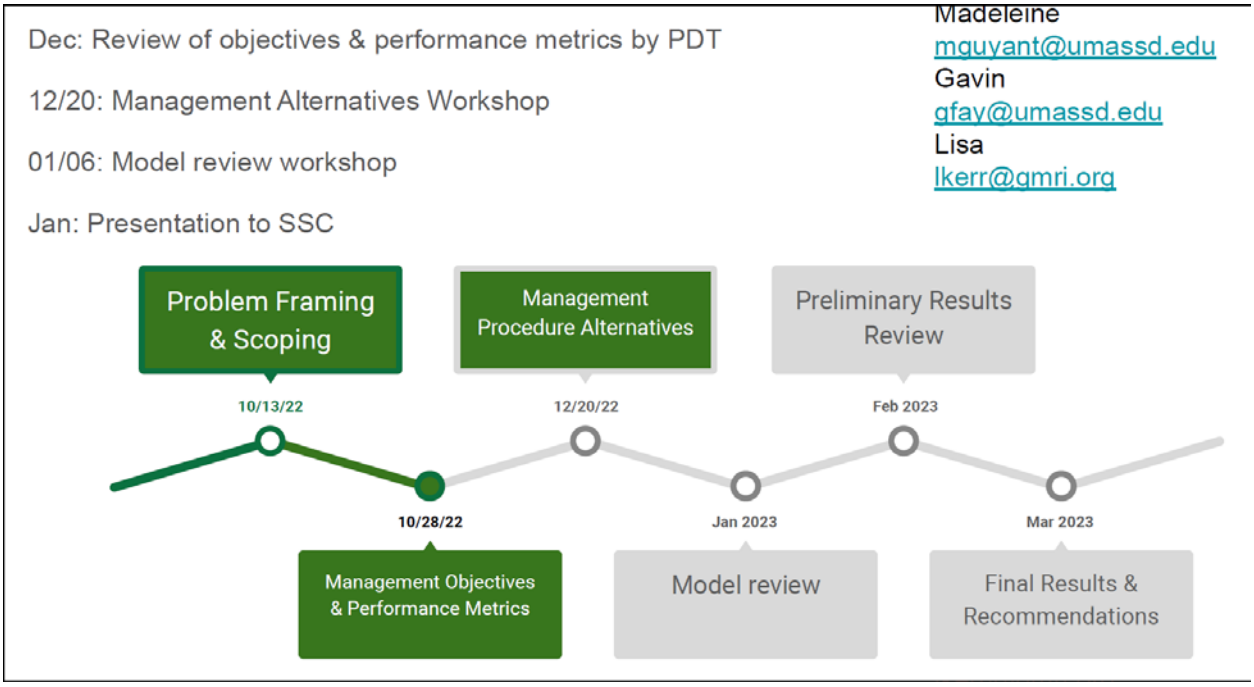
- **Provide guidance for the development of a Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE) for Georges Bank EBFM.**
- **Review and modify management objectives and performance metrics to be used for the pMSE.**
- **Identify and discuss management alternatives to be tested by the pMSE including combinations of monitoring, species complex aggregations, assessment methods, and types of control rules.**

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 developed a contract 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 a stakeholders.

The initial stakeholder meeting was held on October 13, 2022 in Portland, ME. It focused on problem framing. Reviewing the goals for the pMSE, and a discussion of scope, modelling components, and operating model scenarios. A second stakeholder meeting was held on October 28, 2022 in New Bedford, MA. It focused on management goals and objectives to be considered.

This stakeholder meeting will focus on management alternatives to be evaluated and performance metrics. The following graphic shows how this meeting relates to previous and future stakeholder workshops:



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. Objectives workshop outcomes
    b. Management Alternatives workshop presentation
    c. Performance metrics table
    d. Stock complex catch advice interactive demonstration [link]
    e. Discussion prompts

AGENDA

ECOSYSTEM BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Via Webinar

December 20, 2022

1:00 pm	Agenda and purpose of meeting (Document 1).....(Pappalardo)
1:15	Introduction and status (where we are, where we're going…) (Documents 2a, 2d)
1:30	Discussion on objectives and performance metrics (Document 2c)
2:15	Overview of management alternatives (Document 2b)
2:45	Discussion on management alternatives (Document 2e)
3:45	Plenary recap and summary
4:00	Adjourn