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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2023
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 9:00 am on February 1, 2023. The meeting will break for lunch and at other times, as needed.

Purpose: This meeting will review progress and technical details of a **Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE)** based on the ceilings and floors catch management approach in the example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP). The pMSE is being led and conducted by Dr. Gavin Fay and Dr. Lisa Kerr. Technical guidance and feedback from the PDT is expected and will be incorporated into future work. Guidance from the PDT is expected on:

- **Primary and secondary metrics**
- **Management procedures and alternatives with values for parameters specified/suggested**
- **A refined list of OM scenarios**

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. Summaries of pMSE stakeholder meetings are available on the [Council's EBFM page](#). A draft summary of the January 6 stakeholder workshop will be distributed with the package of PDT meeting materials. 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. 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.

Meeting materials to be distributed:

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Prototype MSE materials
 - a. Project updates presentation
 - b. Objectives and performance metrics
 - c. Management alternatives
3. Draft summary for first stakeholder scoping workshop, January 6, 2023

AGENDA

**ECOSYSTEM BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

Webinar

February 1, 2023

9:00 am	Agenda and purpose of meeting (Document 1)	(Applegate)
9:15	Project Updates Presentation	(Fay, Kerr)
	a. Review project goals	
	b. Overview of workshops held to date	
	c. Model scenarios, modeling summary	
9:45	Objectives / Performance Metrics	
	a. Key objectives summary	
	b. Objectives table presentation	
	c. Discussion on metrics	
11:00.	Management Alternatives	
	a. Overview of MPs / alternatives to be considered	
	b. Walk through MP table	
	c. Discussion on decision points for MPs	
12:30	Lunch break	
1:15 pm	pMSE discussion and guidance	(PDT)
3:15	Other business and issues	(PDT)
4:00	Adjourn	