



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2021
TO: MSE for EBFM Steering Committee
FROM: Matt McKenzie, Steering Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Purpose and agenda for meeting; Terms of Reference

The MSE Steering Committee (MSE SC) will [meet by conference call beginning at 9:00 am on May 20, 2021 and end about noon.](#)

Terms of Reference: The Committee will develop and provide guidance to the Council on how to organize and structure public information workshops to effectively communicate and engage with stakeholders. A Committee report will be presented to the June 2021 Council meeting.

In December 2019, the [Committee recommended](#) that the Council should conduct public information workshops, utilizing a science communicator and tangible worked examples, before starting a formal Management Strategy Evaluation process. The Committee guidance was to initiate an iterative, participatory process giving interested stakeholders a voice and the committee recommended the following objectives for these workshops:

- Build greater understanding of EBFM as a tool to assess and manage fisheries
- Identify potential opportunities and concerns that different stakeholders see in EBFM
 - What opportunities do you see to use EBFM to improve existing assessment and management systems?
 - What do we stand to lose in shifting towards an EBFM approach?
- Give opportunity to stakeholders to define next steps, building a willingness to continue participation in the process.

The committee held [an introductory meeting on March 30th](#) to establish what had been accomplished so far and discuss the next steps.

This meeting is intended to discuss and focus on specific ideas and recommendations which will be incorporated into a formal set of recommendations and draft memo to the Council. During the workshops, it will be important to understand what do stakeholders feel we stand to gain and what do they feel we stand to lose by shifting to EBFM.

The final draft and recommendations will be reviewed and approved by the MSE Steering Committee on May 27.

Meeting materials. Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide copies of any 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 memo)
2. Public Information Workshop guidance and strategies, strawman and outline

AGENDA

MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION for ECOSYSTEM BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Conference Call

May 20, 2021

9:00 am	Meeting purpose and agenda (Document 1)	(McKenzie)
9:10	Stakeholder engagement strategy	(Committee discussion)
10:00	Workshop structure.....	(Committee discussion)
11:00	Workshop Outcome	(Committee discussion)
12:00	Adjourn	