

**New England Fishery Management Council
Joint Habitat Committee/Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting**

October 26, 2021

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NEFMC Committee Members	MAFMC Committee Members
Eric Reid, RI <i>Chair</i>	Peter Hughes, NJ
Elizabeth Etrie, MA <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Kate Wilke, VA
Peter Aarrestad, CT	
Togue Brawn, ME	GARFO designee to Committee
Scott Olszewski, RI	Lou Chiarella
Cheri Patterson, NH	
Geoff Smith, ME	
Melissa Smith, ME	
Advisory Panel Members	
Chris McGuire <i>Chair</i>	Lane Johnston
Gib Brogan	Meghan Lapp
Beth Casoni	Elizabeth Marchetti
Rip Cunningham	Drew Minkiewicz
Ben Haskell	Ron Smolowitz
Jeff Kaelin	Dave Wallace

9:00 a.m. Welcome, review agenda (Eric Reid)

9:05 a.m. Wind Energy

- Review and potentially approve updates to the Council's policy on renewable energy development
 - Staff presentation
 - Committee/Advisory Panel discussion (Eric Reid, Chris McGuire)
- Discuss upcoming comment opportunities, items of interest
 - The Nature Conservancy Marine Mapping Tool: <https://maps.tnc.org/marinemap> (Chris McGuire)

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Northern Edge Habitat Management

- Update on recent work, next steps (Michelle Bachman)
- Committee and Advisory Panel discussion (Eric Reid, Chris McGuire)

11:30 a.m. Aquaculture

- Update on regional aquaculture issues including the Blue Water Fisheries project (Christopher Schillaci, GARFO Aquaculture Coordinator)
- Committee and Advisory Panel discussion (Eric Reid, Chris McGuire)

11:50 a.m. Stellwagen DHRA research update

- Share recent scientific work occurring in the Stellwagen Dedicated Habitat Research Area (Ben Haskell)

12:00 p.m. Break

12:15 p.m. 2022 Habitat Priorities

- Review potential 2021 priorities (Michelle Bachman)
- Discussion and recommendations (Eric Reid, Chris McGuire)

1:15 p.m. Other business

- Opportunity for members to bring up items not otherwise on the agenda

1:45 p.m. Adjourn

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Tasking memo from Committee Chairman Eric Reid (*this document*)
2. Habitat Committee/Advisory Panel meeting summary – May 10, 2021 ([link](#))
3. Habitat PDT meeting summaries
 - a. June 15, 2021
 - b. September 20, 2021
4. Presentations
 - a. Staff presentation, NEFMC
 - b. Aquaculture update, GARFO
 - c. Stellwagen DHRA update, SBNMS
5. Wind Energy Policy
 - a. Revised policy document
 - b. Memo from Habitat PDT outlining recommended changes
6. Correspondence