



New England Fishery Management Council

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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management**  
**Public Information Workshops**

The public is invited to participate in workshops (schedule listed below) to hear and discuss the potential for the New England Fishery Management Council to regulate fisheries on Georges Bank using what is known as Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management or EBFM. The Council developed an [example Fishery Ecosystem Plan \(eFEP\)](#) that describes a general framework to account for trophic interactions and managed groups of stocks as a stock complex to reduce fishing costs and bycatch technical interactions. It also discusses management options that need to be considered to implement EBFM policies. [EBFM Public Outreach Materials](#) are available on the Council’s website and include a short introductory video, infographics, stakeholder brochures, presentations, and interactive tools.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Gloucester, MA</b> <b>Tuesday, October 25, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Maritime Gloucester</b> <b>23 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA 01930</b> <b>Telephone: (978) 281-0470</b>
<b>Portland, ME</b> <b>Wednesday, October 26, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DoubleTree Hotel</b> <b>363 Maine Mall Rd., Portland, ME 04106</b> <b>Telephone: (207) 775-6161</b>
<b>Chatham, MA</b> <b>Tuesday, November 1, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Chatham Community Center</b> <b>702 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633</b> <b>Telephone: (508) 945-5158</b>
<b>New Bedford, MA</b> <b>Wednesday, November 2, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>New Bedford Whaling Museum</b> <b>18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740</b> <b>Telephone: (508) 997-0046</b>
<b>Point Judith, RI</b> <b>Tuesday, November 8, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Superior Trawl Conference Room</b> <b>55 State St, Narragansett, RI 02882</b> <b>Telephone: (302) 503-4869</b>
<b>Montauk, NY</b> <b>Wednesday, November 9, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Montauk Playhouse and Community Center</b> <b>240 Edgemere Street, Montauk, NY 11954</b> <b>Telephone: (631) 668-1612</b>
<b>Manahawkin, NJ</b> <b>Thursday, November 10, 2022</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holiday Inn</b> <b>151 Route 72 West, Manahawkin, NJ 08050</b> <b>Telephone: (609) 481-6100</b>

These sessions are intended to be interactive with sufficient time for questions to be answered and ample opportunity to hear your views about the potential for EBFM. The purpose of the workshops is to:

- Build a greater understanding of EBFM as a tool to assess and manage fisheries;
- Identify potential opportunities and concerns that different stakeholders see in EBFM. Examples of questions we would ask are:

- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to help define the next steps and build a willingness to continue participation in the process.

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- What opportunities do you see to use EBFM to improve existing assessment and management systems?
- What do we stand to gain or lose in shifting towards an EBFM approach?

The workshops are scheduled for three hours. They will include three topical sessions with related group exercises for each session focusing on:

- An introduction to EBFM describing key concepts in the eFEP;
- The EBFM management framework in the eFEP, including an ecosystem cap, stock complex catch limits, and biomass floors for individual stocks; and
- Science that supports EBFM, including existing data and making decision-making data more timely.

Documents are available on the Council's website (<https://www.nefmc.org/library/ebfm-public-information-workshops-and-outreach-materials>) or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

*These meetings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.*

*These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.*

*This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office.*

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to get to the New England Council's EBFM Public Information Workshops and Outreach Materials.

