

New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE HABITAT ADVISORY PANEL WEBINAR

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- The Advisory Panel will meet to develop recommendations to the Habitat Committee:
 - 1. Identify a preferred alternative for the Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Framework.
 - 2. Review and recommend revisions, if necessary, to the draft goals and objectives for the Northern Edge Habitat/Scallop Management Framework.
 - 3. Discuss an Exempted Fishing Permit request disapproved by NOAA Fisheries within the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area, as a follow-up to prior Council review of the final report for an earlier phase of the work.
- Staff will brief the Advisory Panel on recent coordination with BOEM and NOAA related to
 offshore wind leasing in the Gulf of Maine.
- The Advisory Panel may discuss other business as necessary.

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If you would like your written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 8 a.m. on **Friday, March 17, 2023.**

Please address them to Council Chair Eric Reid or Executive Director Tom Nies. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

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cc: Council Members, Habitat Committee, AP, PDT, IP's; Scallop IP's

Notice date: Friday, February 24, 2023