MEETING NOTICE
HABITAT COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Four Points by Sheraton
One Audubon Road
Wakefield, MA 01880
Phone: (781) 245-9300

Agenda:
The Habitat Committee will meet to:
• Review draft alternatives for the Northern Edge Habitat Scallop Framework.
• Discuss progress towards completion of the Council’s 5-year EFH review.
• Receive updates from Council staff on recent coordination with BOEM and NOAA related to offshore wind leasing in the Gulf of Maine, and on other offshore wind issues.
• Develop a list of habitat work priorities for 2024. In addition to habitat actions, the Committee should identify offshore wind and aquaculture-related work items.
• The Committee may discuss other business as necessary.

Online access: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/956484289127045982. This meeting will be broadcast online via GoToWebinar. Preregistration is recommended. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

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If you would like written comments to be considered at these meetings, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 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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For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council’s website at www.nefmc.org.

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TA #: 23-133
cc: Habitat Advisors, PDT and IPs, Council Members; Scallop IP’s
Notice date: July 28, 2023