

New England Fishery Management Council

Habitat PDT Meeting



July 21, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom registration link: [https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/ 21QSUt4Rja0xIXFI-eenw](https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/21QSUt4Rja0xIXFI-eenw)

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Agenda

1:00 Welcome, review agenda, recap EFH framework timeline and recent work (*Michelle Bachman*)

1:15 Species-by-species review of maps, model outputs, text descriptions, and feedback received from other groups. Recommend egg and larval proxies. (*Julian Garrison*)

- Monkfish
- Atlantic herring
- Atlantic cod
- Little skate
- Winter skate
- Barndoor skate
- Clearnose skate
- Thorny skate
- Smooth skate
- Rosette skate

3:30 Discuss a package of supplementary information model outputs to be provided as a companion to the EFH designations (*Michelle Bachman / Julian Garrison*)

4:00 Next steps for the EFH Framework (*Michelle Bachman*)

- Summarize discussion and identify follow up items
- Discuss framework document outline and development
- Discuss whether an August PDT meeting is needed and what should be included on the agenda
- Discuss preparation for September Joint Committee/Advisory Panel

4:30 Ocean Planning update (*Jenny Couture*)

4:45 Other business

- Executive Order 14276

5:00 Adjourn

Meeting materials

1. Slide deck
2. Habitat PDT meeting summary – May 22, 2025
Note: takeaways from other meetings will be summarized in the slides
3. Draft maps - https://nrha.shinyapps.io/EFH_demo/
4. Model outputs and draft text descriptions
5. Draft EFH Framework
6. EFH Framework Action Plan