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Habitat Plan Development Team Webinar

Date: Monday, July 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Agenda:

The Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) will meet to:

- Continue development of updated essential fish habitat designations for cod, herring, monkfish, and skates, including review of:
 - Species distribution model outputs and draft versions of essential fish habitat maps for juveniles and adults, including any updates since the May meeting,
 - Recommendations for egg and larval map proxies,
 - Text description markup, and
 - Feedback received from species PDT and AP members.
- Discuss a package of supplementary information to be provided as a companion to the EFH designations.
- Update on current / near term planned Council engagement in ocean planning topics.
- Plan for the upcoming Habitat Advisory Panel and Committee meeting and for framework document development.
- Discuss other business as necessary.

Online access: This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required.

Register here: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/_21QSUt4Rja0xlXFI-eeenw.

Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

Call in information: After registering for the meeting you will be e-mailed webinar information, including a call-in number. Please note that this is not a toll-free number.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Development Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

Members of the public may attend PDT meetings or listen in if the meetings are broadcast but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and question will not be taken during PDT conference calls.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.