



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE JOINT HABITAT COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY PANEL

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025
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 and Advisory Panel will meet jointly to:

- Review the draft 2025 Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Framework including EFH designation alternatives and identify a preferred alternative for Council consideration at the September 23-25 meeting.
- Receive a demonstration of the New England Sensitive Habitat Viewer Story Map, developed by the NOAA's Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Habitat and Ecosystem Services Division.
- Discuss the ongoing 3-year review of the Stellwagen and Georges Bank Dedicated Habitat Research Areas.
- Receive updates on ocean planning activities and consider potential next steps for Council work.
- Receive an update on the Offshore Wind Regional Fund Administrator Compensation Process.
- Discuss EFH-related work that could be completed following completion of the 2025 framework, including next steps identified during the EFH Technical Review.
- 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/join/VsZQSYIsQ7aIyMThqjVJMg>. 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.

If you would like written comments to be considered at these meetings, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than on **Monday, September 9, 2025**. Please address them to Council Acting Chair Dan Salerno or Executive Director Cate O'Keefe. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council's website at www.nefmc.org.

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cc: Habitat Advisors, PDT and IPs, Council Members

Notice date: August 15, 2025