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Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) Webinar

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Agenda:

The Habitat PDT will meet to:

- Continue work on the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Surfc clam Exemption Program Evaluation, including discussion of a final report from a recently completed research project in the HMA,
- Continue to develop EFH designation maps and text for 2026 species (large and small mesh groundfish and sea scallops) considering expert feedback,
- Discuss current ocean planning issues, as necessary, and
- 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/ZWVtXwesSVWXyLYDVG45nw>. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended. For the best audio and visual experience, your Zoom desktop application must be updated prior to the meeting.

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 Develop 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 but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will only be taken at the discretion of the PDT chair.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committee. 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.