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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2025
TO: On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group (ODWG)
FROM: Michael Pierdinock, ODWG Chair
SUBJECT: Charge to the Working Group for August 26, 2025 Meeting

There will be an On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group (ODWG) meeting on August 26, 2025 in Wakefield, MA and via webinar from 10:00 am to 3:45 pm. See here to register:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-26-2025-on-demand-gear-conflict-working-group-meeting>

Agenda Topics

1. Updates regarding on-demand fishing related activity
2. Provide feedback on the Alternative Gear-Marking Framework
3. Address TOR 3B by developing recommendations for the Council
4. Other business

Meeting Topics

This table outlines topics to be discussed at the meeting, including a description of the topic, discussion questions, and related documents.

Topic	Document #	Description & Discussion Questions
Updates regarding on-demand fishing related activity	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive updates as available
Alternative Gear-Marking Framework	5a,b,c	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a presentation from GARFO staff on the joint alternative gear-marking framework• Provide feedback regarding the framework for the Council
Addressing Term of Reference 3B by developing recommendations for the Council	3,6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss any follow ups from the July 23 ODWG meeting• Develop/finalize recommendations to include in the TOR 3B report for reducing gear interactions between on-demand gear used in the Northeast lobster and Jonah crab fisheries and other types of fishing gear• Review the draft TOR 3B report and provide feedback/edits as needed
Other Business		Members of the ODWG can bring forward other business not included in the agenda for discussion.

Meeting Materials

The documents listed below will be posted to <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-26-2025-on-demand-gear-conflict-working-group-meeting>. If you have any questions about the materials, please contact Emily Bodell (ebodell@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 x105).

1. Agenda
2. Tasking Memo from Working Group Chair Michael Pierdinock (this document)
3. Presentation, Council Staff
4. Presentation, NEFSC Staff
5. Alternative Gear-Marking Framework
 - a. Presentation, GARFO Staff
 - b. [Alternative Gear-Marking Framework Draft Decision Document \(as of July 2025\)](#)
 - c. [Recent PDT/FMAT Meeting Summaries](#)
6. TOR 3B Draft Report
7. [July 23, 2025 ODWG Meeting Summary](#)
8. Correspondence