



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### **Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Plan Development Team (EBFM PDT)**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Providence Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 421-0700

**Agenda:** The PDT will continue developing guidance on an Atlantic herring ABC control rule that accounts for ecosystem forage needs. The PDT will discuss types of control rules to be considered, models to evaluate the performance of herring control rules, and development of a draft white paper on forage fish management in New England ecosystems. Other related issues may be discussed as needed.

#### **Directions:**

***Driving directions from points North / South:*** Take Interstate 95 North to South to Exit 22A towards DOWNTOWN/PROVIDENCE, RI. At the end of the exit ramp continue straight at the light onto Memorial Boulevard. At the next light, turn right onto Exchange Street and take the next available right onto Exchange Terrace. Take the first left onto Dorrance Street, which passes directly in front of the hotel.

***Flying?*** Fly into T.F. Green airport and take the Airport Limo Shuttle which leaves every hour on the hour from the baggage claim area.

***Parking?*** Self-parking is available at the hotel for \$15/day; \$26/overnight.

***Internet Availability?*** Wireless internet is available and complimentary throughout the hotel and guest rooms.

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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, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast, but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will not be taken during PDT conference calls.

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.