



New England Fishery Management Council

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AGENDA

ECOSYSTEM-BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHIOPS

1. INTRODUCTIONS (15 Mins)

- a. Brief introductions of speakers, staff and attendees
- b. Goals for the workshop

2. INTRODUCTION TO EBFM (45 Mins)

- a. What is EBFM?
- b. Key concepts and terminology
- c. Georges Bank, what and why?

Exercise

- o Participants discuss benefits and concerns and get 3 cards to complete: (In ten years, I would like the fishery management system on Georges Bank to _____). Attendees read aloud their sentences. Facilitator tries to aggregate “thoughts” into some categories

3. FISHERY MANAGEMENT UNDER EBFM (45 Mins)

- a. Biomass Ceiling
- b. Stock Complex Ceilings
- c. Biomass Floor Ceilings

Exercise

- o Participants discuss each of the 3 types of catch caps (ecosystem, stock complexes, biomass floors) and identify positives, negatives, and challenges for each

BREAK (15 Mins)

4. THE SCIENCE SUPPORTING EBFM (45 mins)

- a. What data is currently available from GB and the frequency of collection
- b. How will that data be used for ecosystem, stock complexes, or biomass floor estimates?
- c. How would data collection be more timely to inform dynamic decision-making?

Exercise – Q & Discussion

5. WRAP UP (15 Mins)

- a. Brief summary
- b. Roadmap for the development of an eFEP for Georges Bank
- c. Brief post-workshop survey