

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Habitat/Marine Protected Areas/Ecosystems**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### **MEETINGS AND ONGOING WORK**

Habitat PDT: The PDT met on June 8 and 9 to discuss management options to minimize adverse effects to EFH and to deep-sea corals.

At the meeting, the PDT identified a set of vulnerable habitat areas, and is currently compiling SASI-based and extra-SASI information for each area. Based on this information, the PDT is developing advice for the committee on adverse effects minimization options for those areas. Also, the PDT is working to refine options for coral zones and is developing recommendations for management of fisheries in those zones. The PDT is basing much of this guidance, for both adverse effects and coral options, on prior committee discussions and motions.

These recommendations will be presented to the Advisory Panel on July 20 and to the Committee on July 21.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

No Council action at this meeting. Update will be provided on Omnibus Amendment development.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Presentation – EFH Omnibus Amendment Update