



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE **Joint Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee & PDT Meeting**

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Courtyard by Marriott
32 Exchange Terrace
Providence, RI 02903
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Agenda:

The Committee will meet jointly with the Habitat Plan Development Team to discuss management alternatives related to minimizing the adverse effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat, which are being developed for the Council's EFH Omnibus Amendment 2.

The goal of the meeting is to craft a series of management alternatives and develop a plan for further analysis of those options. These alternatives may include spatially-specific gear restrictions and/or gear modifications, as well as effort reductions. The PDT will present any additional analyses completed since the 9/27/10 committee meeting; these may include information summarizing habitat type and data support in previously identified vulnerable habitat areas, as well as information on the feasibility of gear modifications.

Directions: From 95 North or South: Take Exit 22A which will bring you directly to the hotel parking garage. Once you park, take the elevator to the lobby and the front desk staff will direct you to the meeting room.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. The above schedule is subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Council office for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and locations.

"Note that if you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting they must be received at the office at least three business days prior to the start of the meeting."

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cc: Habitat IP's, Advisors & PDT

Notice Date: October 7, 2010