

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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

#### **I. STATUS**

##### Meetings:

Committee: The Committee met on June 5, 2007 at the Mystic Hilton in Mystic, CT beginning at 1:00pm to develop final decision recommendations for the Council on the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The next Committee meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Plan Development Team: The PDT met on May 31, 2007 in Woods Hole, MA to develop final decision recommendations on the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The next PDT meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel met on June 5, 2007 in Mystic, CT from 9am -12pm to develop final decision recommendations on the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The next AP meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

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

Approve final action on Phase 1 of the Essential Fish Habitat Omnibus Amendment2 including:

- Essential Fish Habitat Designations
- Habitat Area of Particular Concern Designations
- Evaluation of Prey Species for Species in NEFMC fishery management units (FMU)
- Evaluation of the non-fishing activities on EFH, including conservation and enhancement recommendations

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. EFH Omnibus Amendment Timeline
2. Comparative view of Status Quo and Committee recommended EFH designations
3. HAPC alternative maps
4. EFH Omnibus Amendment DSEIS Phase 1 – Public Comments
5. Summary of public hearings
6. PDT memo dated June 4, 2007 to Committee on May 31, 2007 PDT meeting
7. Advisory Panel draft meeting summary from June 5, 2007 meeting
8. Advisory Panel minority Report from June 5, 2007 meeting
9. Habitat/MPA/Ecosystems draft meeting summary from June 5, 2007 meeting
10. Letter regarding Siasconset Beach Nourishment Project
11. Michael Fogarty Presentation