



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE
HABITAT/MPA/ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Sheraton Harborside Hotel 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Phone: (603) 431-2300; Fax: (603) 433-5649

Agenda:

The purpose of this meeting is for the Council's Habitat Committee to recommend management measures for further development and analysis in Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2. Two types of measures will be considered at the meeting: (1) options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat and (2) alternatives to protect deep-sea corals from the impacts of fishing.

Note that this meeting was originally planned for January 25, 2012 as the second day of a two day meeting, but was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. However, the management measures listed above were discussed by the Habitat Committee and its Advisory Panel during day one of that meeting, which was held as planned on January 24. The outcomes of those discussions will be considered at this meeting, along with any additional analyses and recommendations prepared by the Habitat Plan Development Team.

Directions:

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Note: If you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting they must be received at the office by 12 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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cc: Habitat Interested Parties, Advisors and PDT
Notice Date: February 2, 2012