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Habitat Plan Development Team Conference Call

Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Agenda: review work completed weeks of 4/30 and 5/7 to address 4/26 Habitat Committee tasking related to the clam dredge framework.

- Analyze the Advisory Panel alternative (closure of NE corner and areas along the southern and eastern edges of HMA).
- Analyze the rate of encounter of complex habitat and the relative magnitude of surfclam revenues quadrant by quadrant.
- Develop an alternative based on the cobble and boulder dominated areas identified in April 25, 2018 correspondence from Massachusetts Fishermen's Mobile Gear Alliance.
- Analyze a time/area rotation scheme for the fishery in the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area.
- Analyze potential exemptions for mussel dredges in the northwest quadrant only.
- Other business as needed

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