New England Fishery Management Council
Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting
Four Points by Sheraton, Wakefield, MA
January 30, 2017

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions

9:45 Coral Amendment alternatives

- Staff presentation – walk through alternatives section of amendment document
- Advisory panel discussion
  - Are the alternatives clearly specified, i.e. is clarification required?
  - Are any boundary modifications recommended at this time? (Further outreach/workshop will be discussed later in the day)
  - What are the potential implementation/operational issues?
  - Does the advisory panel have any recommendations for the Committee in terms of how to move forward with refining alternatives, or clarifying policy objectives for the amendment?

12:00 pm Lunch break

1:15 Coral Amendment impacts analysis

- Staff presentation – walk through impacts analysis section of amendment document, and plans for additional work
- Advisory panel discussion
  - Are there questions about the approaches used or the results?
  - Are there additional factors or issues that should be considered?

2:30 Break

2:45 Further amendment development

- What made the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council process effective? How can we apply these lessons in New England?
- Does the advisory panel have suggestions about how to conduct outreach with the fishing industry? With other groups?
- Are there specific actions that would make a public workshop to refine the coral zone boundaries more effective?

3:45 Other Business
MEETING MATERIALS

1. Presentation – amendment alternatives and impacts analysis
2. Draft coral amendment (includes background, alternatives, impacts analysis completed to date)
3. Coral management zone coordinates

ADDITIONAL LINKS

Mid-Atlantic coral amendment
- Main page: http://www.mafmc.org/actions/msb-am16