



New England Fishery Management Council

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Habitat Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
School for Marine Science and Technology (SMASST-East)
836 South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02744

Agenda:

- Clam Dredge Framework – review image analysis results, Nantucket Shoals clam dredge survey results, and brainstorm approaches to developing exemption area alternatives
- Coral Amendment – review possible updates to Broad Zone Option 7, discuss additional work needed to complete environmental assessment
- Review possible updates to the Swept Area Seabed Impact model, to align with North Pacific (Alaska) Fishing Effects model
- Other business as needed

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From Providence: Take I-195 E towards Fall River. Stay on I-195 for approximately 29 miles. Follow remaining directions below.

From Cape Cod (crossing the Bourne Bridge): Take MA-25 W to I-195 W. Stay on I-195 for approximately 14 miles. Follow remaining directions below.

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