

Possible 2019 Council tasks related to habitat (not in rank order)

This list was provided to the Council at their September 25-27, 2018 meeting

Tasks identified as staff would be completed, or mostly the responsibility of, Council staff, although items 5 and 6 would involve the Habitat Committee, Council, and others.

1. Complete framework action to address surfclam access to Great South Channel HMA
2. Initiate action to revise habitat management areas on Northern Edge of Georges Bank
3. Develop Council policies on additional non-fishing activities (offshore energy policies adopted 2018)
4. NEFMC-MAFMC Workshop on offshore wind/fisheries issues
5. Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, particularly wind power, in consultation with other agencies, (including BOEM) (staff)
6. Brief Habitat Committee and Council on 2017-18 updates to SASI model and identify next steps (staff)
7. Habitat impacts of other management actions (staff)
8. SBNMS advisory panel and ASMFC habitat committee (staff)