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MEMO FROM: Tom Hoff *TBH*

DATE: May 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Committee meeting

The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday June 9, 2009 at the end of the Council's second day of meetings. We are scheduled from 1:30 until 4:30 pm but could run longer if the Committee so desires.

Dr. Ned Cyr from NMFS Headquarters will present the Congressionally mandated report entitled: *The State of Science to Support an Ecosystem Approach to Regional Fishery Management*. This report is attached (#1) and Dr. Cyr's draft PowerPoint presentation slides are behind this memo (#2). We envision about an hour for this activity.

The Chairman would like to devote the remainder of the meeting to "nonfishing activities" in our waters. Mr. Pete Colosi of the Regional Offices' Habitat Division will lead this discussion. Attachment #3 *Impacts to Marine Fisheries Habitat from Nonfishing Activities in the Northeastern United States* will provide good background info for this discussion. Attachments #4 and #5 are popular articles addressing the multiple uses of our oceans. Attachments #6 and #7 are info that were in the briefing book for our April meeting but we were unable to address because of time constraints.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Committee meeting.

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