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Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel Webinar Meeting

Agenda and Briefing Materials

DATE

November 18, 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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BACKGROUND

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) adopted a [policy on offshore wind energy development](#) in December 2015. The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) adopted an identical policy in 2018. Offshore wind energy development has continued to advance at a rapid pace since that time and both Councils have written many [joint comment letters](#) on the subject. The offshore wind policy helps to inform these comment letters.

The NEFMC Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) developed recommendations for revisions to the NEFMC offshore wind energy policy to reflect lessons learned over the past several years. The NEFMC Habitat Advisory Panel and Committee reviewed these recommendations on October 26, 2021. The MAFMC may consider revisions to their version of the policy during their meeting on December 13-16, 2021. The MAFMC’s Ecosystem and Ocean Planning (EOP) Advisory Panel and Committee will meet in November 2021 to develop recommendations to be considered by the

MAFMC. The policies for the two Councils need not be identical; however, there are benefits to maintaining similar policies as the two Councils frequently write joint comment letters on offshore wind energy development.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Review NEFMC Habitat PDT, Habitat Advisory Panel, and Habitat Committee recommendations for revisions to offshore wind energy policy.
- Develop recommendations to the Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee regarding offshore wind energy policy.

MEETING MATERIALS

- [Current Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council wind energy policy.](#)
- [NEFMC Habitat PDT recommended revisions to policy.](#)
- [Memo from NEFMC Habitat PDT with background on recommended revisions.](#)
- Additional revisions recommended by NEFMC Habitat Advisory Panel and Committee during their October 26, 2021 meeting (to be posted).

DRAFT AGENDA

Times are approximate and may change based on pace of discussion.

10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review NEFMC Habitat PDT, Habitat Advisory Panel, and Habitat Committee recommendations for revisions to offshore wind energy policy.• Develop recommendations to the Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee regarding offshore wind energy policy.
11:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment
12:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourn
