



Peer-Review of the NEFSC Draft Survey Mitigation Plans Relative to Offshore Wind

*Sub-panel of the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils' Scientific and
Statistical Committees*

and the

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Assessment Science Committee

May 22 – 24, 2024

NEFSC Narragansett Lab - Main Conference Room

28 Tarzwell Drive, Narragansett, Rhode Island

This meeting will be in-person at the NEFSC Narragansett Lab with a webinar option for presenters and the public (meeting space may be limited). Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at the Mid-Atlantic Council's website:

<https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2024/may-22-24/offshore-wind-peer-review>.

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

- 9:30 Welcome, introductions, and overview of meeting agenda (Wendy Gabriel, sub-panel chair)
- 9:40 Overview of the NEFSC process for developing survey mitigation plans (Andy Lipsky, Kathryn Ford, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Survey Mitigation Team Representative)
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Review of the Sea Scallop Video/Dredge Survey
 - Mitigation plan presentation (Dana Morton)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Adam Delargy)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Review of the Atlantic Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Survey
 - Mitigation plan presentation (Dana Morton)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Brian Rothschild)

- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Review of the Northern Shrimp Trawl Survey
- Mitigation plan presentation (Dana Morton)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Yong Chen)
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 Review of the Ecosystems Monitoring Survey (EcoMon), including Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) Survey
- Mitigation plan presentation (Chris Melrose)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Richard Merrick)
- 5:30 Adjourn

Times are approximate and may be subject to change.

Note: there will be opportunities for public comment at the discretion of the chair.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

- 8:30 Overview of previous day outcomes and plans for day (W. Gabriel, sub-panel chair)
- 8:45 Review of the Bottom Trawl Survey (spring and fall)
- Mitigation plan presentation (Catherine Foley)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Jim Gartland)
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Review of the Cooperative Gulf of Maine Bottom Longline Survey
- Mitigation plan presentation (Dave McElroy)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Yong Chen)
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 Review of the Coastal Shark Bottom Longline Survey
- Mitigation plan presentation (Michelle Passerotti)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Rob Latour)
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Review of the Cooperative Atlantic States Shark Pupping and Nursery Survey

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- Mitigation plan presentation (Cami McCandless)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Rob Latour)
- 4:15 Review of the Hook and Line Survey (new/expanded survey)
- Mitigation plan presentation (Jason Morson)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Marcel Reichert)
- 5:30 Adjourn

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Friday, May 24, 2024

- 8:30 Overview of previous day outcomes and plans for day (W. Gabriel, sub-panel chair)
- 8:45 Review of the eDNA Survey (new/expanded survey)
- Mitigation plan presentation (Richard McBride)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Richard Merrick)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Review of the Trap/Video Survey (new/expanded survey)
- Mitigation plan presentation (Madison Hall)
 - Question and Answer
 - Develop initial response to Terms of Reference (sub-panel lead, Marcel Reichert)
- 11:30 Panel discussion – overarching themes and common issues across survey plans
- 12:15 Wrap-up and next steps
- 12:30 Adjourn

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