



New England
Fishery Management
Council

EFH Summit

CCC Habitat Workgroup

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EFH Summit proposal

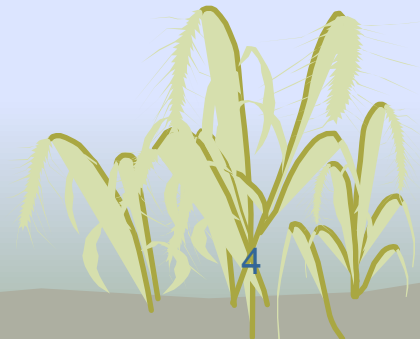
- Focus: EFH science, management, and integration into EBFM.
- Participants: <100
 - Councils (~5 per Council from leadership, staff, Habitat/SSC Committee members)
 - NMFS (leadership, HQ, Regional Offices, and Science Centers)

Terms of Reference

1. Assess current state of habitat science and identify major data gaps that should be addressed at the national level.
2. Identify successful approaches to EFH identification and review.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of actions taken to minimize adverse effects of fishing on EFH.
4. Identify opportunities to integrate habitat information into the fishery management process and EBFM.
5. Identify opportunities to ensure effective communication and coordination between NMFS and councils on non-fishing impacts.

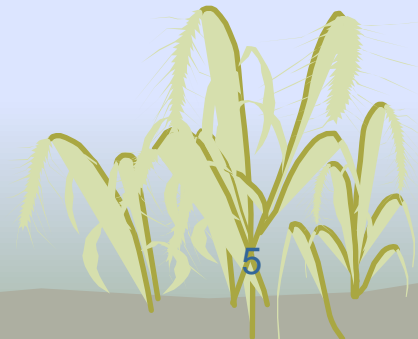
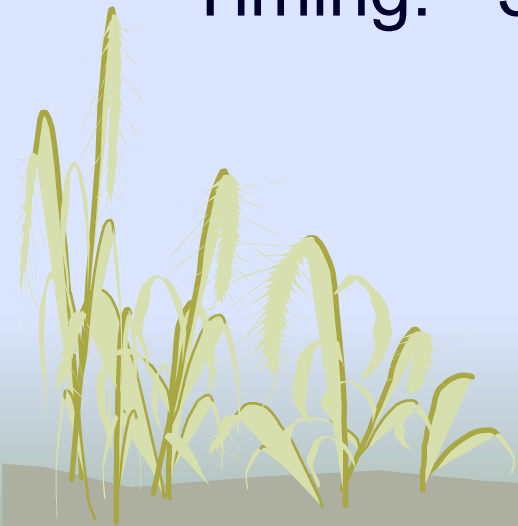
Outcomes:

- Shared information and approaches across regions/ Councils and between scientists and managers to inform EFH 5 year reviews and other management actions.
- Opportunities and best practices to overcome challenges to improve habitat conservation efforts.
- Publish Summit outcomes in a report or a special issue of a journal.



Logistical information

- Fisheries Leadership and Sustainability Forum planning and facilitation support.
- NMFS funding for venue and facilitation costs.
- Timing: ~3 days in early May 2016.



Discussion Questions

1. Do the proposed Terms of Reference address priority habitat conservation and fishery management needs?
2. Are there additional logistical issues we should consider as we move forward with planning?

