

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Groundfish Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Plan Development Team met on Mar. 23, 2020.
- B. Framework Adjustment 59 (specifications/management measures): Staff sent the preliminary framework adjustment document to GARFO on Mar. 10, 2020.
- C. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring: Staff sent the preliminary Draft Amendment document to GARFO on Feb. 21, 2020. GARFO sent document corrections to the Council on Feb. 28, 2020. Council staff made corrections and sent the formal document on Mar. 4, 2020. It is available on the Council's website, <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-23>. The public comment period is open from March 20, 2020 to May 22, 2020. The first public hearing will occur at the end of the Council meeting on Apr. 15 at 4 pm by webinar. The Council is in the process of scheduling additional public hearings. The Council is scheduled to take final action on the amendment at its June 2020 meeting.
- D. Sector Program Catch Share Review: The Council will receive a presentation on the Groundfish Catch Share Program Review report and discuss the report. Once the report is available, the Groundfish Plan Development Team and a sub-panel of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review the report and provide feedback.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

Council action is not anticipated.

**III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Groundfish Catch Share Program Review
  - a. Working Group Report
  - b. Public Comment Summary (*to be provided*)
  - c. Presentation: Working Group Report (*to be provided*)
- 2. Correspondence