

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Committee met on Jan. 25, 2018 to review the work of the Groundfish Plan Development Team and recommendations from the two advisory panels. The Committee discussed and made recommendations to the Council on fishing year 2018 recreational management measures for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod, the control date for the charter/party fishery, and Amendment 23. The Groundfish Advisory Panel met on November 28, 2017 and the Recreational Advisory Panel met on Jan. 24, 2018 to provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee.
- B. Framework Adjustment 57 (specifications/management measures): The Council took final action on Framework 57 at its December 2017 meeting. The preliminary submission was submitted to GARFO for review in January 2018.
- C. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring: Staff will provide an update on progress to the Council.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Make recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2018 recreational management measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock.
- B. Possibly consult with GARFO on fishing year 2018 recreational management measures for Georges Bank cod.
- C. Consider recommending a new control date for the party/charter recreational fishery.
- D. Discuss the possibility of holding a groundfish monitoring workshop or establishing a working group.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Groundfish Committee meeting motions for Council meeting (*to be provided*)
- 2. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
- 3. Recreational measures for fishing year 2018 discussion documents, NEFSC staff
- 4. Meeting Summaries:
 - a) Recreational Advisory Panel motions or draft meeting summary, Nov. 14, 2017
 - b) Groundfish Committee motions or draft meeting summary, Nov. 29, 2017
 - c) Groundfish Advisory Panel motions or draft meeting summary, Nov. 28, 2017
 - d) Draft Recreational Advisory Panel motions, Jan. 24, 2018 (*to be provided*)
 - e) Draft Groundfish Committee motions, Jan. 25, 2018 (*to be provided*)
- 5. Amendment 23 – Groundfish Monitoring – updated outline prepared by the PDT of the likely range of alternatives
- 6. Correspondence