

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Committee met on Jan. 23, 2020 to discuss and make recommendations to the Council on: (1) 2020 recreational fishery measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock and (2) Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring. The Recreational Advisory Panel and Groundfish Advisory Panel each met on Jan. 21, 2020. The Groundfish Plan Development Team met on Jan. 6 and Jan. 8, 2020.
- B. Framework Adjustment 59 (specifications/management measures): The Council took final action on Framework 59 at its December 2019 meeting and concurrently remanded to the SSC its ABC recommendations for Georges Bank haddock, Gulf of Maine haddock, American plaice, and pollock. The SSC discussed the Council's remand on Jan. 10, 2020 and made final recommendations on ABCs for the four stocks. Staff is preparing the Framework Document for submission to GARFO.
- C. Recreational Measures for 2020: Staff will provide an overview to the Council of possible recreational management measures for fishing year 2020 for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock.
- D. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring: Staff will provide an overview to the Council of the Amendment.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Recreational Fishery - Develop recommendations for submission to GARFO for fishing year 2020 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock.
- B. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring - Approve the Amendment for public hearings and select preliminary preferred alternatives.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Groundfish Committee meeting motions for the Council meeting
- 2. Recreational measures for fishing year 2020
 - a. Summary of recent recreational catch and effort data, NMFS
 - b. Background Presentation: Bioeconomic model results, NMFS
 - c. Presentation: Council staff
 - d. Council Staff to Groundfish Committee memo re recreational accountability measures
- 3. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring – Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - a. PART 1 – Sections 1-5 and Section 8 (Background, Alternatives, Glossary of key terms)
 - b. PART 2 – Section 6 (Affected Environment)
 - c. PART 3a – Section 7 (Biological and Physical Impacts Analysis)
 - d. PART 3b – Section 7 (Economic and Social Impacts Analysis)
 - e. PART 4 – Appendices (Supporting Analysis)
 - f. Draft Decision Document for Amendment 23
 - g. Presentation: Council staff

4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 21, 2020
 - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 21, 2020
 - c. Groundfish Committee, meeting motions, Jan. 23, 2020
5. Correspondence