NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: None.
- B. <u>Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring:</u> The Council took final action on Sep. 30, 2020. Council staff is preparing the FEIS for submission to GARFO.
- C. <u>Framework Adjustment 61 (specifications and management measures)</u>: The preliminary submission was sent to GARFO on March 29, 2021.
- D. <u>Recreational Groundfish Party/Charter Limited Entry</u> At its January 2021 meeting, the Council received a summary of public feedback on developing a strawman proposal for a potential limited entry program for party/charter vessels in the recreational groundfish fishery. The Council is expected to decide on the next steps, which could include an amendment or other action.
- E. <u>Atlantic Cod Stock Structure</u> The Council will receive an update on working groups/workshops under Reports.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Recreational Party/Charter Limited Entry - Decide on the next steps, which could include an amendment or other action.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation: Council staff
- 2. Limited Entry for Party/Charter Recreational Groundfish
 - a. See supporting documents from January meeting: https://www.nefmc.org/library/january-2021-groundfish-committee
 - b. See: https://www.nefmc.org/library/party-charter-limited-entry-program-strawman
 - c. See: <u>https://www.nefmc.org/library/limited-access-listening-sessions-for-recreational-fisheries</u>
- 3. Correspondence