



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2018
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Groundfish Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

There will be a **Groundfish Committee** meeting at the **Hilton Garden Inn Logan Airport, Boston, MA** on **Wednesday May 9, starting at 9 am.**

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss: (1) progress on Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (2) progress on other priorities for 2018, and (3) other business as necessary.

Meeting Materials. Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentations: Council and NMFS staff
3. Draft alternatives for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
4. Groundfish PDT memo to the Groundfish Committee regarding development of draft alternatives for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
5. Summary of analyses conducted to determine at-sea monitoring requirements for multispecies sectors, FY2018, GARFO
6. Dockside monitoring white paper, Groundfish PDT, version 2
7. Groundfish PDT memo to the Groundfish Committee regarding analyses for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
8. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Jan. 25, 2018
 - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel DRAFT meeting motions, May 8, 2018
9. Correspondence

Meetings Topics. The following section outlines the meeting expected outcomes and future related meetings by discussion topic.

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

At the Meeting:

- Council and NMFS staff will provide an update on progress on Amendment 23 (Docs. 2 to 7).
- The Committee will consider recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel on Amendment 23 (Doc. 8b).
- The Committee will discuss progress and make recommendations to the Council.

After the Meeting:

The Groundfish Advisory Panel and Groundfish Committee reconvene on May 31 and June 1, respectively.

Other Priorities for 2018

At the Meeting:

Council staff will provide an overview of PDT work to date on the Council's 2018 priorities for groundfish (Doc. 2) and the Committee will discuss the progress to date and make recommendations to the Council, if necessary.

Drafting Motions. You are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).



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AGENDA

**GOUNDFISH COMMITTEE
MAY 9, 2018**

**Hilton Garden Inn Logan Airport
100 Boardman Street
Boston, MA 02129
Phone: (619) 561-0798**

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Stockwell*)
- 9:10 am Report from the Groundfish Advisory Panel.....(*Martens*)
- 9:45 am Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23(*Stockwell/Cournane/Frede*)
- Discuss draft alternatives and Plan Development (PDT) work related to development of the action
 - Presentation: Overview of PDT Report and some specific analyses, *Cournane, Frede, Demarest, Errand, and others.*
 - Presentation: Compliance with catch reporting: *GARFO staff*
 - Consider recommendations from the advisors
 - Make recommendations to the Council
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm Continue Discussion
- 3:30 pm Progress on other priorities for 2018 (*Stockwell/Cournane*)
- Discuss PDT work to date
 - Consider recommendations from the advisors
 - Make recommendations to the Council
- 3:45 pm Other business.....(*Stockwell*)
- 4:00 pm Adjourn