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RE: INVITATION: Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (2016) Science Assessment Meeting

Dear Participant,

You are cordially invited to attend a science assessment meeting of the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (TRAC) to be held at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, on July 12-14, 2016. TRAC was established in 1998 to peer review assessments of transboundary fishery resources in the Georges Bank area, in order to ensure that the management efforts of both Canada and the United States of America, pursued either independently or cooperatively, are founded on a common understanding of fishery resource status. At the 2016 meeting, TRAC will consider assessments for Eastern Georges Bank Cod and Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder, as well as assessment updates for Eastern Georges Bank Haddock and Allocation Shares. Results of the 2016 TRAC assessment meeting will be reported to management agencies in both countries.

The 2016 TRAC meeting will commence at 9:00 AM local time on July 12, 2016, and close at 5:30 PM local time on July 14, 2016. The meeting will be held in the Clark Conference room of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center located in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. We would like to commence the meeting promptly by 9:00 AM, so please plan your arrival accordingly. Alternatively, there is opportunity to participate via WebEx webinar, although interests of the assessment meeting will take priority over unforeseeable technical deficiencies. A meeting Terms of Reference and draft Agenda have been attached to this invitation.

We ask that you confirm your participation at the meeting either in person or via WebEx webinar with your respective TRAC co-chair Liz Brooks (U.S. Co-chair) or Kristian Curran (Canadian Co-chair) by **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**. Canadian participants may have to provide additional personal information to the Canadian Co-chair, if not done so already, if they will be attending in person. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please feel free to contact either of the co-chairs at your convenience: U.S. TRAC Co-chair Liz Brooks (Ph. 508-495-2238; Em. Liz.Brooks@noaa.gov) or the Canadian TRAC Co-chair Kristian Curran (Ph. 902-401-1752; Em. Kristian.Curran@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). We look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- 1) TRAC Terms of Reference (2016)
- 2) TRAC Agenda (2016) – DRAFT
- 3) Map to Meeting Room
- 4) List of Invited Participants