



New England Fishery Management Council

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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WITH**  
**JOINT GROUNDFISH AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY PANELS**

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Marriott Portland at Sable Oaks  
200 Sable Oaks Drive, So. Portland, ME 04106  
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**Agenda:**

The Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) and the Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP). The Committee and Panels will:

- Receive an update from the Closed Area Technical Team (CATT) on possible modifications to groundfish fishing closed areas that will be considered in conjunction with the establishment of habitat closed areas. The modifications are being developed as part of the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat amendment (see 76 *Federal Register* 35408). The CATT will provide an overview of ongoing analyses and may provide suggested closure options for the Committee to consider;
- Other business may be discussed.

The Committee, after considering the advice of the GAP and RAP, may develop recommendations for possible modifications to year-round and seasonal groundfish closed areas for the Council's consideration. Alternatively, the Committee may provide additional guidance to the CATT for further development.

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**GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Friday, January 25, 2013  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Same as above

**Agenda:**

- Develop a specifications package that will specify Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) and Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for fishing year 2013. These specifications may be submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service as either a specifications package or a framework adjustment to the Northeast Multispecies FMP;
- May develop recommendations for an interim action designed to reduce overfishing on Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock in 2013;
- Other business may be discussed.

**Note: If you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting they must be received at the office by 12 p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.**

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cc: Groundfish, PDT, Advisors, Recreational Advisors, and IPs  
Notice Date: January 4, 2013

*These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and locations.*

**Directions:**

From the South: I-95 North to Exit 45, take ramp right toward Maine Mall Rd toward Jetport. After ¼ mile, turn right onto Maine Mall Rd. for about ½ mile, then turn left onto Running Hill Rd. Turn right onto Sable Oaks Dr.

From the North: I-95 South toward Kittery / Portland to Exit 46, take ramp right. Turn right onto Skyway Dr. After ¼ mile turn right onto ME-9 / Western Ave. Turn right onto Maine Mall Rd. for ½ mile, turn right onto Running Hill Rd. Turn right onto Sable Oaks Dr.