



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice GROUND FISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Sheraton Colonial Hotel
One Audubon Road
Wakefield, MA 01880
Phone: (781) 245-9300; Fax: (781) 245-0842

Agenda:

The Groundfish Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP). The primary purpose of the meeting is to resume work on the development of Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 18 is being developed with two broad objectives; 1) to consider the establishment of accumulation caps for the groundfish fishery and; 2) to consider issues associated with fleet diversity in the multispecies fishery. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this amendment was published on December 21, 2011 (76 *Federal Register* 79153). After completing a scoping period in early summer of 2012, progress on this amendment was delayed while the Council completed other management actions.

At this meeting, the Committee and GAP will:

- Review scoping comments received, analyses developed by the Plan Development Team (PDT), and other comments.
- Develop a plan to move forward on this amendment.
- May receive an update on a Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC) meeting that will be held in February.
- May address other groundfish management priorities for FY 2013, including modifications to rebuilding plans.
- The Groundfish Committee will meet in closed session to discuss Groundfish and Recreational Advisory Panel membership.
- Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on Monday, March 4, 2013.

*This meeting is 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.*

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cc: Council Members, Groundfish Interested Parties, Advisors, PDT members

Notice date: 2/13/13

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Directions:

From 95/Route 128 North:

Follow I95/Route 128 North to Exit 42. Take a left at the stop sign onto Salem Street. Take the first left onto Pleasure Island Road at the Sunoco Station. The first right is the entrance to the Sheraton Colonial Hotel.

From 95/Route 128 South:

Follow I95/Route 128 South to Exit 42. Take a right off the exit. Take first right into The Sheraton Colonial Hotel.