



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday April 16 and Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. (Tues.) and 8:30 a.m. (Wed.)
Location: Holiday Inn (*Parliament Room*)
31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
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Agenda for April 16, 2013:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to discuss several issues related to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan that will include:

- A report on the feasibility of and progress on data analyses that would inform the development of Amendment 18;
- A report from the Plan Development Team on eastern Georges Bank catch reporting, as well as a progress report on issues related to the relative stock size of GOM and GB haddock;
- May also discuss recent sector operations plan exemption requests and may discuss a request for an exploration of the impact of climate change on status determination criteria and catch advice;
- Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Agenda for April 17, 2013:

- The Committee will devote the entire day to considering area management options recommended by the Closed Area Technical Team. These measures are intended to replace existing year round and rolling groundfish closures. Following review at the April Council meeting, these groundfish area management options would be consolidated with the habitat management options being proposed by the Habitat Oversight Committee and included as alternatives in Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2.

Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on Friday, April 12, 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.*

Directions:

Take I-95 North or South to Exit 7 (Mansfield Route 140). At the second set of lights, take a right onto Forbes Boulevard. Continue straight on this road and it will change to Cabot Boulevard.

From 495 – take Exit 12 (Mansfield Route 140) to the 4th set of lights. Take a left onto Forbes Boulevard which turns into Cabot Boulevard. Stay in the right hand lane to the end of road.

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cc: Council Members, Groundfish, Scallop and Habitat Interested Parties, Advisors, PDT members

Notice date: Thursday, March 28, 2013