



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice
GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

Date: Monday, June 10, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Providence Biltmore Hotel
11 Dorrance Street,
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 421-0700; Fax: (401) 455-3050

Agenda:

The Groundfish Advisory Panel will meet, primarily to develop recommendations on issues that will be discussed during the June 11, 2013 joint meeting of the Groundfish and Habitat Oversight Committees and the June 12, 2013 meeting of the Groundfish Oversight Committee.

Related to Amendment 18 of the Northeast Multispecies FMP:

- Review Plan Development Team analyses to date.
- Develop recommendations on revising the goals and objectives of the action.

Related to alternatives development for the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 (OA2):

- Develop appropriate bridle length caps to be used on no-groundcable trawl gear within two potential adverse effects habitat management areas in the Great South Channel and on Georges Shoal. These gear modification options could be implemented via OA2 if approved by the Council.
- Develop a list of key groundfish gear characteristics to be part of a data collection program, which could be implemented via OA2 if approved by the Council. The information gathered via this data collection program would be used to develop gear modification options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on EFH in future management actions.
- Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on Friday, June 7, 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:

Heading South on Interstate 95: Take Exit 22A, towards DOWNTOWN/PROVIDENCE, RI. At the end of the exit ramp continue straight at the light onto Memorial Boulevard. At the next light, turn right onto Exchange Street. Take the next available right onto Exchange Terrace. Take the first left onto Dorrance Street, which passes directly in front of the hotel.

Heading North on Interstate 95: Make first right on Francis Street. Bear left of Dorrance Street, which passes directly in front of the hotel.

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

Notice date: Monday, May 20, 2013