



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Agenda

Groundfish Plan Development Team

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Tuesday, October 7, 2014

- 9:30 AM Opening remarks and agenda review-
(*Jamie Cournane, PDT Chair*)
- 9:45 AM Overview of the 2014 operational assessments of pollock,
Georges Bank (GB) winter flounder, and Gulf of Maine
(GOM) winter flounder with projections
(*Paul Nitschke, NEFSC*)
- 10:45 AM *Break*
- 11:00 AM PDT Discussion
(*Cournane*)
- (1) Pollock, (2) GB winter flounder, (3) GOM winter flounder:
 - a) Highlight major findings, any concerns, and potential sources of uncertainty
 - b) Discussion of ABCs/OFLs
 - c) PDT Recommendation of ABCs/OFLs
 - Next Steps
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*

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- Agenda Continued-

- 1:30 PM Gulf of Maine Cod
- Overview of SSC's request - *Cournane, NEFMC*
 - Presentations
(15 minutes each with time for 10 minutes of questions)
 - Update on the best estimate of CY 2014 catches of GOM cod-*Dan Caless, GARFO*
 - Preliminary results from the quota change model-*Chad Demarest, SSB*
 - Summary of the Southern New England (SNE) winter flounder ABC setting with regards to SSC's control rule option (c), *Sarah Heil, GARFO*
 - Literature review of gear modifications to reduce cod catches, *Jonathon Peros, NEFMC*
- 3:00 PM *Break*
- 3:15 PM Gulf of Maine Cod- *continued*
- Presentations
(15 minutes each with time for 10 minutes of questions)
 - Examination of recent patterns of co-catch of GOM cod with other groundfish species, *Nitschke*
 - Spatial and temporal patterns of fishery catches of GOM cod, *Demarest*
 - GOM cod catch data for the Sustainable Harvest Sector (SHS), FY 2013, *Hank Soule, SHS*
 - GOM cod catch data for the Maine Coast Community Sector, *Lucy Van Hook, MCFA*
 - Update from the Northeast Fisheries Sectors on GOM cod catches, *Libby Etrie, NESSN*
- 5:15 PM *Break*
- 5:30 PM PDT Discussion
(*Cournane*)
- Summary of major points from presentations
 - Additional information from the assessment to consider
 - Next steps
- 6:15 PM Other business
- 6:30 PM Adjourn