



New England Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites
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New Bedford, MA 02740
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Agenda

- **Discuss Framework Adjustment 53 draft alternatives and draft environmental impact analysis including:**
 - Status Determination Criteria
 - Annual Catch Limits
 - Scallop Fishery sub-ACL for northern windowpane flounder
 - Sector and Common pool sub-ACLs for northern and southern windowpane flounder stocks
 - Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod spawning area closures
 - Prohibition on the possession of GOM cod
 - Observer requirements in the GOM
 - Rollover of groundfish specifications
 - Sector ACE carryover
- **Briefly discuss Amendment 18 draft alternative for the redfish fishery**
- **Other business, as necessary.**

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