

New England Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office

55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

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Agenda

• Discuss potential modifications to at-sea monitoring (ASM) requirements in the sector program,

• Provide an update on progress on Amendment 18 (fleet diversity and accumulation limits),

• Other business, as necessary.

Directions:

From the North

Take I-95 south to Route 128 north. Proceed on Route 128 north to Blackburn Circle in Gloucester. Take the third right off Blackburn Circle, then your next right to Blackburn Drive, and then your next left to Great Republic Drive. Proceed to the very last building located on Great Republic Drive.

From the South

Take I-93 north or Route 1 north to intersection with I-95 north/Route 128 north. Stay on Route 128 north after it splits with I-95 north. Proceed on Route 128 north to Blackburn Circle in Gloucester. Take the third right off Blackburn Circle, then your next right to Blackburn Drive, and then your next left to Great Republic Drive. Proceed to the very last building located on Great Republic Drive.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Develop Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast, but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will not be taken during PDT conference calls.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committee. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.