



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEETING NOTICE GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2015  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn  
Boston Logan Airport  
100 Boardman Street  
Boston, MA 02128  
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The Advisory Panel will meet to discuss and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on the following agenda items:

- Framework Adjustment 55 (FW55)
  - Receive an update on the development of FW 55/ Groundfish specifications and addition of a sector,
  - Receive an overview of the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee assessments for Eastern Georges Bank (EGB) cod, EGB haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
- At-Sea Monitoring (ASM)
  - Receive an update on the development of the ASM Framework Adjustment, and
- Amendment 18 (A18)
  - Receive an overview of the public hearings for Amendment 18 (fleet diversity and accumulation limits), and
  - Develop, if necessary, final recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on preferred alternatives in A18
- Enforcement
  - Discuss enforcement concerns for the Groundfish Fishery on Eastern Georges Bank in order to improve identification of the separator panel within the trawl net,
- Other business, as necessary

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### MEETING NOTICE GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2015  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Same location as above

The Committee will meet to discuss and make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

- Review recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)
- Framework Adjustment 55 (FW55)
  - Receive an update on the development of Framework Adjustment 55/Multispecies (Groundfish) specifications and addition of a sector,

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- Receive an overview of the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee assessments for Eastern Georges Bank (EGB) cod, EGB haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
  - Review analysis from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT)
- At-Sea Monitoring (ASM)
  - Receive an update on the development of the ASM Framework Adjustment,
  - Review analysis from the PDT
- Amendment 18 (A18)
  - Receive an overview of the public hearings for Amendment 18 (fleet diversity and accumulation limits)
  - Develop, if necessary, final recommendations to the Council on preferred alternatives in A18
- Recreational Fishing
  - Discuss concerns raised by the recreational fishery regarding Gulf of Maine cod and haddock
- Enforcement
  - Discuss enforcement concerns for the Groundfish Fishery on Eastern Georges Bank in order to improve identification of the separator panel within the trawl net,
- Other business, as necessary

**If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting,  
we must receive them by noon on Monday, August 31, 2015**

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the  
Council's website at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org)

*These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.  
This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office.*

#### **Directions:**

From the North: Rte 95 South toward Peabody, MA. Take the Route 1 South exit towards Boston. Stay on Route 1 and take the Route 60 East Malden/Revere Exit. Off the exit go around the rotary and take your third exit onto Squire Road/Route 60 East. Stay straight, and at your next rotary take the second exit onto Route 60 East. Route 60 east becomes US Route 1A-South. Proceed to the left lane, turn left onto Boardman Street. Hotel is on your right.

From South Shore/Cape Cod: Take Route 93 North towards Boston. At Exit 20, bear right onto I-90 East toward South Boston/Logan Airport. Keep straight onto Route 1A- North. Stay on Route 1A- North, and at your first set of lights turn right onto Boardman Street. Hotel is on your right.

TA #: AP, 15-140; CTE, 15-141

cc: Council Members, Groundfish IPs, Advisors and PDT members, Enforcement IPs, Committee, AP members

Notice date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015