



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Agenda

Groundfish Plan Development Team

NOAA, Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Fisheries Sampling Branch. Meeting Room: Observer Training Room
Observer Training Center at Tech Park
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Wednesday, March 30, 2016

- 9:30 AM Welcome, opening remarks, and agenda review
(*Jamie Cournane, PDT Chair*)
- 9:40 AM Update on upcoming groundfish actions for FY 2016
(*Cournane and Aja Szumylo and Mark Grant GARFO*)
- 10:00 AM Groundfish monitoring program
(*Cournane*)
- Overview of proposed changes to the program and impacts analysis in Framework Adjustment 55
 - Discuss possible PDT analysis to assess whether:
 - CV requirements and methodologies are the most appropriate to verify area fished, catch and discards by species and gear type for the sector system, and;
 - ASM provides the sector fishery, recognizing heterogeneity within the fleet (e.g., trip length, homeport, etc.), the maximum flexibility to meet ASM goals and objectives.
 - Discuss recent journal publications on monitoring in the groundfish fishery
 - Discuss next steps for PDT memo to Groundfish Committee
- 11:00 AM *Break*
- 11:15 AM Continue discussion
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:45 PM Continue discussion
- 3:45 PM Other business
- 4:00 PM *Adjourn*