



New England Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: NOAA, Northeast Fisheries Science Center
Fisheries Sampling Branch. Meeting Room: Observer Training Room
Observer Training Center at Tech Park
25 Bernard East Saint Jean Drive
East Falmouth, MA 02536
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Agenda:

- Discuss PDT analysis with respect to the groundfish monitoring program, 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, and
- Other business, as necessary.

Directions:

From the North: Route 93 South, use the left two lanes to exit 7 toward Cape Cod. Continue on MA-3 South, then MA-3 South/US-44 South, continue on US-3 South and it becomes US-6 East. Take exit 1C toward Massachusetts 6A/Sagamore, turn left onto Sandwich Road. At Bourne rotary, take the 4th exit onto MA-28 South/General MacArthur Blvd. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto MA-28 South then take the Thomas Landers Rd exit toward W. Falmouth. Turn left onto Thomas Landers Rd. (signs for Falmouth Tech Park Drive). Then turn right onto Technology Park Drive and a left turn onto Bernard St. Jean Drive.

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