

New England Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Tuesday April 11 and Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. on April 11 and 9:30 a.m. on April 12

Location: Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI)

350 Commercial Street Portland, ME 02113 Phone: (207) 772-2321

Agenda:

• Day 1: Tuesday, April 11

- o Update on possible reclassification of windowpane flounder stocks
 - Receive an overview of work to date
 - Discuss possible approaches to reclassify windowpane flounder stocks
 - Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate
- O Discussion of Atlantic halibut management
 - Review current management
 - Discuss possible management modifications
 - Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate

• Day 2: Wednesday, April 12

- o Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
 - Review and summarize public scoping comments
 - Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate
- Other business, as necessary.

Call In Information:

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