



New England Fishery Management Council

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Groundfish Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
4 Home Depot Drive
Plymouth, MA 02360
Phone: (508) 830-0200

Agenda:

- **Framework Adjustment 57/Specifications and Management Measures**
 - Review the updated action plan
 - Discuss progress on adjusting windowpane flounder accountability measures (AMs) for large mesh/non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder trawl fisheries)
 - Review draft estimates of groundfish catches for calendar year 2017
 - Recommend Georges Bank yellowtail flounder overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for fishing years 2018 and 2019 to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
 - Discuss progress on adjusting the common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs)
- **Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring Amendment**
 - Review the updated action plan
 - Discuss next steps for the amendment
- **Other business, as necessary**

Directions:

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