



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Hotel Providence
139 Mathewson Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 861-8000

Agenda:

The SSC Committee will:

- Review recent stock assessment information from the U.S./Canada Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee and information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) and recommend the overfishing level (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for the 2018 fishing year
- Receive update or recommendations from the SSC's working group on defining "substantial change" in status or overfishing of stocks when developing OFL and ABC recommendations
- Receive an update on planned review of operational assessments for other groundfish stocks
- Review information provided by the Council's Skate PDT and recommend the OFL and ABC for the northeast skate complex for fishing years 2018-2019
- Address other business as necessary.

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cc: SSC, GF, Skate IPs, PDTs

Notice date: July 18, 2017