



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE GROUND FISH COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
185 MacArthur Drive
New Bedford, MA 02740
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Agenda:

- **Framework Adjustment 57/Specifications and Management Measures**
 - Receive a report from the Transboundary Management and Guidance Committee (TMGC) on US/CA stocks – Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, Eastern GB (EGB) cod, and EGB haddock
 - Receive a report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) on adjusting:
 - Common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs),
 - Atlantic halibut accountability measures (AMs), and
 - Windowpane flounder AMs for large mesh/non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder trawl fisheries)
 - Discuss draft alternatives and make recommendations to the Council
- **Groundfish Amendment 23 Groundfish Monitoring Amendment**
 - Review a draft outline prepared by the PDT of the likely range of alternatives
 - Make recommendations to the Council
- **Priorities**
 - Hold initial discussion of possible groundfish priorities for 2018, and
 - Develop recommendations to the Council
- **Regulatory streamlining in response to recent Executive Orders**
 - Several recent Executive Orders have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved.
 - Discuss whether there are any regulations in the Northeast Multispecies fishery management plan that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined.
- **Other business, as necessary**

If you would like your written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017. Please address them to Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn or Executive Director Tom Nies. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

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cc: Council Members, RAP IPs, Advisors, Groundfish IPs, Advisors and PDT members

Notice date: August 28, 2017

