



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2013
TO: Groundfish Oversight Committee
Groundfish Advisory Panel
Recreational Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell
SUBJECT: **Committee Meeting Materials; January 24-25, 2013**

1. Please review the attached materials prior to our meeting at the Marriott, Sable Oaks Hotel, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, So. Portland, ME. These materials will also be used at the Council meeting. Additional materials will be brought to the meeting. The package includes:

- Agenda
- Draft Framework Adjustment 50 (to be distributed)
- Groundfish PDT memo to Committee dated January 18, 2013
- Groundfish PDT memo to the SSC dated January 16, 2013 2013
- Correspondence

2. The first day of the meeting will be a joint meeting with the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) and the Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP). Because of the number of participants, the GAP and RAP chairs will set at the main table and other GAP and RAP members will be accommodated in the front rows of the audience. During this part of the meeting the focus will be on possible modifications to groundfish closed areas that will be considered as part of the Omnibus Habitat Amendment.

3. The second day of the meeting is a Committee meeting only. The focus will be on FY 2013 – 2015 specifications. We may also discuss the Council's request for an interim action for GOM cod and GOM haddock should NMFS reply before the meeting.

4. Please contact me with your questions.



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**Groundfish Oversight Committee
Agenda
January 24-25, 2013
Sheraton Colonial Hotel, Portland, ME**

January 24, 2013

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| 9:00 a.m. | Introductions/Approval of Agenda |
| 9:15 a.m. | Omnibus Habitat Amendment Overview (<i>Michelle Bachmann</i>) |
| 11:00 a.m. | Possible modifications to year round closed area access: Closed Area Technical team (CATT) progress (<i>Andrew Applegate</i>) |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:15 p.m. | CATT Progress (continued) |
| 4:30 p.m. | Other business |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

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January 25, 2013

8:30 a.m.	Introductions/Approval of Agenda
9:15 a.m.	FY 2013 – 2015 Specifications Action
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	FY 2013 Interim Action
4:00 p.m.	Other business
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn