



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 3, 2013

**TO:** Groundfish Oversight Committee (OSC)

**FROM:** Frank Blount, Groundfish Oversight Committee Chairman

**SUBJECT:** OSC meeting on Monday December 9, 2013

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet at the Omni Providence Hotel in Providence, RI on **Monday December 9 starting at 9:00 AM.**

**Purpose.** The main purpose of the meeting is to continue development of Framework Adjustment 51 (FW51) and secondarily to follow-up on if two alternatives in FW51 could be included as alternatives in Amendment 18 (A18).

**Meeting Materials.** Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jamie Cournane ([jcournane@nefmc.org](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org) ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (this document)
2. Agenda
3. DRAFT Framework Adjustment 51, dated December 4, 2013
4. Memo re Scallop FW 25 and Groundfish FW 51 from Scallop PDT to Groundfish PDT, dated December 5, 2013
5. Groundfish OSC meeting summary, November 18-19, 2013
6. Correspondence

**Recent activity.** At the September Council meeting, the Council decided which measures to include in FW51 for analysis. Over the past few months, the PDT has been working to revise the alternatives, as appropriate, and conduct the impacts analysis of the alternatives (#3) with input from the Scallop PDT (#4). The OSC reviewed the alternatives at its November 19 meeting, but postponed the selection of preferred alternatives to its next meeting. In addition, the OSC requested that the PDT outline if some of the US/CA quota trading alternatives could be included in A18, along with if additional scoping would be necessary and how the timeline might subsequently change.

**Next steps.** Following the PDT report on FW51, the OSC will discuss the alternatives and impacts analysis in FW51. The OSC may wish to consider selection of preferred alternatives. Final action is scheduled on FW 51 at the December Council meeting. To make the most of our meeting time on **December 9**, you are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane ([jcournane@nefmc.org](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org)).