



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 25, 2016
TO: Recreational Advisors
FROM: Frank Blount, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Recreational Advisory Panel meeting on August 2, 2016

There will be a Groundfish Committee meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton, South Portland, ME on Tuesday, August 2rd, starting at 10:00 AM.

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee meeting is to 1) discuss the recreational management measures process and make recommendation to the Groundfish Committee for measures to include in Framework Adjustment 56 (FW 56); 2) discuss recommendations to the Groundfish Committee regarding 2017 Council priorities; and 3) discuss other business, as necessary.

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. 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; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (this document)
2. Agenda
3. Framework Adjustment 56
 - a. Draft action plan for FW 56 version 1, July 22, 2016
 - b. Draft white paper on the recreational management measures process, Council staff, July 27, 2016
 - c. Presentation: Marine Recreational Information Program presentation to the RAP, August 2, 2016, John Foster, NOAA
 - d. Presentation: Summary of the draft white paper on the recreational management measures process, Council staff (*to be provided*)
4. Correspondence

To make the most of our meeting time on August 3rd, you are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).

Framework Adjustment 56

Recent Activity: Council staff drafted a white paper on the recreational management measures process (Doc. 3b).

Next Steps: On August 2nd, NOAA staff will provide a presentation on the Marine Recreational Information Program, MRIP, (Doc. 3c) and answer questions from the Advisors. In preparation, you can find information on component surveys here: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/recreational-fisheries/Surveys/survey-details>, on estimation here: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/recreational-fisheries/Understanding-Estimation/estimation-methods>, and on program changes here: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/recreational-fisheries/MRIP/Differences-Between-MRIP-and-MRFSS>.

Then, Council staff will present (Doc. 3d) an overview of the draft action plan for FW 56 (Doc. 3a) and the draft Council staff white paper on the recreational management measures process (Doc. 3b). After reviewing the information provided, the Advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee.

The Groundfish Committee meets on August 3 and September 12, 2016. The Council is scheduled to approve the range of alternatives in FW 56 at its September 2016 meeting.

Council Priorities for 2017

Next Steps. The Advisors will discuss recommendations to the Groundfish Committee for 2017 Council priorities.

The Groundfish Committee will have an initial discussion of priorities at its September 12, 2016 meeting.