



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2016
TO: Recreational Advisors
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Recreational Advisory Panel meeting on October 26, 2016

There will be a Groundfish Committee meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth, MA on Wednesday, Oct. 26, starting at 10:00 AM.

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee meeting is to 1) receive an overview of preliminary data for fishing year 2016 for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock; 2) discuss recreational management measures and draft impact analysis in Framework Adjustment 56 (FW 56) and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee; 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. Presentation: Preliminary data for fishing year 2016 for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock, GARFO/NEFSC (*to be provided*)
4. Framework Adjustment 56
 - a. Draft action plan for FW 56 version 2, Sept. 26, 2016
 - b. Draft alternatives for FW 56, Sept. 29, 2016
 - c. Draft white paper on the recreational management measures process, Council staff, July 27, 2016
 - d. Addendum to draft white paper on the recreational management measures process, Council staff, Oct. 21, 2016
 - e. Presentation: Summary of the draft white paper on the recreational management measures process and overview of Framework Adjustment 56 measures, Council

staff (*to be provided*)

5. Meetings
 - a. RAP meeting summary, Aug. 2, 2016
 - b. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Aug. 3, 2016
 - c. Groundfish Committee meeting motions, Sept. 12, 2016
 - d. Groundfish Committee meeting motions, Oct. 3, 2016
6. Correspondence

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

Preliminary FY 2016 data

Next Steps. On Oct. 26, GARFO/NEFSC staff will provide a presentation on the preliminary fishing year 2016 data for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock, (Doc. 3) and answer questions from the Advisors.

Framework Adjustment 56

Recent Activity: Council staff drafted a white paper on the recreational management measures process (Doc. 4c) and provided an update to this document as an addendum (Doc. 4d). The Groundfish Plan Development Team PDT drafted alternatives for this topic in draft Framework Adjustment 56 (Docs. 4a and 4b). The RAP met in August (Doc. 5a). The Groundfish Committee met twice prior to the September Council meeting and then again in October (Docs. 5b-5d).

Next Steps: On Oct. 26, Council staff will present (Doc. 4e) a summary of the draft white paper on the recreational management measures process and an overview of Framework Adjustment 56 measures. After reviewing the information provided, the Advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee

The Groundfish Committee meets on November 2. The Council is scheduled to take final action on Framework Adjustment 56 at its November 2016 meeting.