



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2018
TO: Recreational Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Recreational Advisory Panel meeting on Monday, October 29, 2018**

There will be a **Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP)** meeting at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth, MA** on **Monday, October 29, starting at 10 am.**

Purpose. The main purpose of the RAP meeting is to discuss: (1) recreational fishery data, (2) possible Council priorities for 2019, and 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 and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff
3. Recreational catch statistics, NEFSC staff
4. DRAFT Council staff memo on planning for listening sessions on limited entry for party/charter
5. GARFO/Tidal Bay Consulting memo on planning for recreational workshops with attachment
6. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Recreational Advisory Panel meeting summary, Jan. 24, 2018
 - b. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Jan. 25, 2018
7. Correspondence

Meetings Topics. The following section outlines the meeting expected outcomes and future related meetings by discussion topic.

Recreational Fishery Data

NEFSC staff will provide an overview of recent recreational catch and effort data for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod. Staff will also discuss recent changes to MRIP data (Doc. 3). NEFSC and Council staff will answer questions from the advisors. The Advisors may wish to make recommendations to the Committee.

Council's Public Listening Sessions on the Possibility of Limited Entry in the Groundfish Party and Charter Fishery

Council staff will provide an overview planning for public listening sessions (Doc. 4) and ask for feedback from the Advisors.

Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's (GARFO) Upcoming Recreational Workshops

GARFO staff will provide an overview planning future workshops building off the outcomes of the 2017 workshop (Doc. 5) and ask for feedback from the Advisors.

Possible Priorities for 2019

Council staff will provide an overview of past discussions with respect to priorities (Doc. 2). The Advisors may wish to develop initial recommendations to the Committee regarding priorities for 2019.

After the Meeting

The Committee will discuss possible priorities for 2019 at its meeting in November 8 in Danvers, MA. The Council plans to have a full discussion of 2019 priorities at its December meeting.

Drafting Motions. You are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).



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AGENDA

RECREATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL

October 29, 2018

**Hilton Garden Inn
4 Home Depot Drive
Plymouth, MA 02360
Phone: (508) 830-0200**

- 10:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review..... (*Blount*)
- 10:10 am Recreational fishery data (*Steinback/Cournane*)
- Receive an overview of recreational fishery data for fishing year 2017 and preliminary fishing year 2018 and discuss the data, and
 - Discuss recent changes to Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) data with respect to groundfish stocks
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's (GARFO) Upcoming Recreational Workshops (*Kelly*)
- Discuss planning for future workshops building off the outcomes of the 2017 workshop, and
 - Provide feedback
- 2:15 pm Council's Public Listening Sessions on the Possibility of Limited Entry in the Groundfish Party and Charter Fishery (*Blount/Cournane*)
- Update on planning for these sessions, and
 - Provide feedback
- 2:45 pm Priorities (*Blount/Cournane*)
- Hold discussion of possible recreational priorities for 2019, and
 - Develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee
- 3:45 pm Other business..... (*Blount*)
- 4:00 pm Adjourn