



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 7, 2019  
**TO:** Recreational Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** **Recreational Advisory Panel meeting on Friday, February 22, 2019**

The **Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP)** will meet at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Logan Airport, Boston, MA** on **Friday, February 22, starting at 10 am.**

**Purpose.** The purpose of the RAP meeting is to discuss: (1) recreational measures for fishing year 2019 for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod, (2) Council priorities for 2019, (3) planning for public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational groundfish party and charter fishery, and (4) 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](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 and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff
3. Recreational measures for fishing year 2019, NEFSC staff
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Discussion document with tables and figures
4. Draft background document for public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational party/charter fishery
5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Recreational Advisory Panel meeting summary, Oct. 29, 2018
  - b. Groundfish Plan Development Team draft meeting summary, Feb. 13, 2019
6. Correspondence

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

### **Recreational Management Measures for Fishing Year 2019**

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 provide results from the bioeconomic model for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine (Doc. 3). NEFSC and GARFO staff will answer questions from the advisors. Council staff will provide an overview of the Groundfish Plan Development Team discussion (Docs. 2 and 5b). The advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on the recreational management measures for fishing year 2019 for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod.

### **Recreational Data**

Council staff will provide an overview of Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) allocation of sampling by wave, and available for-hire vessel trip report data on effort and landings by wave (Doc. 2).

### **Priorities for 2019**

Council staff will provide an overview the Council's 2019 priorities (Doc. 2).

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

Council staff will provide an overview of planning for public listening sessions and a draft background document (Doc. 4) and ask for feedback from the advisors.

### **Addressing Recreational Management Issues**

Council staff will provide an overview of the Council discussion in January on how to address recreational issues going forward (Doc. 2) and ask for feedback from the advisors.

**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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org)).

### **After the Meeting**

The Committee will discuss these topics at its meeting on Tuesday, February 26 in Danvers, MA.



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**AGENDA**

**RECREATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL  
February 22, 2019**

**Hilton Garden Inn, Logan Airport  
100 Boardman Street  
Boston, MA 02128  
Phone: (617) 567-6789**

- 10:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review..... (*Blount*)
- 10:10 am Recreational measures for fishing year 2019..... (*Steinback/Cournane*)
- Receive an overview of fishing year 2017 and 2018 catch and effort data for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod
  - Discuss results from the bioeconomic model for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, and
  - Provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on fishing year 2019 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm Recreational data .....(*Cournane*)  
Discuss Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) allocation of sampling by wave and available for-hire vessel trip report data on effort and landings by wave
- 2:15 pm 2019 Priorities ..... (*Blount/Cournane*)  
Receive an overview of the Council’s priorities for 2019
- 2:30 pm Planning for public listening sessions on limited access ..... (*Blount/Cournane*)
- Discuss planning for public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational groundfish party/charter fishery, and
  - Discuss a draft background document.
- 3:30 pm Addressing recreational management issues .....(*Nies*)
- Receive an overview of the Council discussion in January on how to address recreational fishing issues going forward, and
  - Provide feedback, as appropriate.
- 4:30 pm Other business..... (*Blount*)
- 4:45 pm Adjourn

*Times listed next to agenda items are estimates and subject to change.*