



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2019
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Groundfish Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The **Groundfish Committee** will meet at the **Doubletree by Hilton, Danvers, MA** on **Tuesday, February 26, starting at 9 am.**

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee 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) recreational data, (3) planning for public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational groundfish party and charter fishery, (4) Council priorities for 2019, (5) 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 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
 - c. Recreational Advisory Panel meeting motions, Feb. 22, 2019
 - d. Groundfish Plan Development Team draft meeting summary, Dec. 19, 2018
 - e. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Jan. 15, 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). Upon reviewing the recommendation of the recreational advisors, the Committee may wish to develop recommendations to the Council 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).

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 summarize feedback from the recreational advisors. The Committee may wish to provide feedback.

Priorities for 2019

Council staff will provide an overview the Council's 2019 priorities (Doc. 2). Council staff will also provide an update on progress on Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring and to be initiated Framework 59/Specifications and Management Measures (Docs. 5b and 5d).

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).

After the Meeting

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Council, will discuss recreational measures by correspondence prior to forwarding recommendations to GARFO on the recreational management measures for fishing year 2019 for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod.



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AGENDA

GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE

February 26, 2019

Doubletree by Hilton
50 Ferncroft Road
Danvers, MA 01950
Phone: (978) 777-2500

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review..... (Stockwell)
- 9:10 am Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) Report (Blount)
- 9:40 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, and discuss results from the bioeconomic model for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, and
 - Review recommendations from the RAP and develop recommendations to the Council on fishing year 2019 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod
- 11:45 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
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Planning for public listening sessions on limited access (Stockwell/Cournane)
- Discuss planning for public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational groundfish party/charter fishery, and feedback from the RAP, and
 - Discuss a draft background document.
- 3:00 pm 2019 Priorities (Stockwell/Cournane/Frede)
- Discuss the Council's priorities for 2019, and
 - Receive an update on progress on Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring and to be initiated Framework Adjustment 59/Specifications and Management Measures
- 4:15 pm Other business..... (Stockwell)
- 4:45 pm Adjourn

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