



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 26, 2019  
**TO:** Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** **Groundfish AP and Committee meetings on April 1 and April 2, 2019**

There is a **Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)** meeting at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Boston, MA** on **Monday, April 1, starting at 9:00 am.** The **Groundfish Committee** will convene on **Tuesday, April 2** at the same location, also **starting at 9:00 am.**

**Purpose.** The purpose of the GAP and Committee meetings is to discuss and make recommendations to the Committee or Council, as appropriate, on: (1) the draft alternatives for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (2) the gear standards policy, (3) priorities for 2019, 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 (*to be provided*)
3. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring -
  - a. Memo from Committee Chair to PDT re A23
  - b. Memo from PDT to Committee re updated A23 draft alternatives
4. Gear Standards Policy – background documents: current policy and past correspondence
5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Groundfish Plan Development Team meeting summary, Feb. 13, 2019
  - b. Groundfish Plan Development Team meeting summary, Mar. 19, 2019
  - c. Groundfish Advisory Panel draft meeting motions (*to be provided to Committee*)
6. Correspondence

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

### **Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring**

Council staff will provide an overview of the draft alternatives (Docs. 2 and 3a-3b, 5a-5c). The Advisors and Committee may wish to make recommendations on the draft alternatives.

### **Gear Standards Policy**

Council staff will provide possible revisions to the Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in accountability measures (Docs. 2 and 4). The Advisors and Committee may wish to make recommendations on the draft revisions to the policy.

### **Next Steps**

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, April 16, the Council is expected to address the following:

- Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring: approve range of alternatives,
- Party/Charter Limited Access: update on status of listening sessions,
- Five-Year Catch Share Review: update, and
- Gear Standards Policy: approve modified Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in accountability measures (AMs).

**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)).



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**AGENDA**

**GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL  
April 1, 2019**

**Hilton Garden Inn Logan Airport  
100 Boardman Street  
Boston, MA 02129  
Phone: (617) 561-0798**

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review ..... (*Martens*)
- 9:15 am Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring .....(*Martens/Cournane/Frede*)
  - Consider the draft alternatives revised by the Plan Development Team (PDT), and
  - Provide recommendations to the Committee, as appropriate.
- 12:30 pm *Lunch*
- 1:45 pm Continue discussion .....
- 3:45 pm Gear Standards Policy ..... (*Martens//Cournane*)
  - Consider the PDT’s revisions to the Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in accountability measures, and
  - Provide recommendations to the Committee, as appropriate.
- 4:45 pm 2019 Council Priorities ..... (*Martens/Cournane*)
  - Receive an update on progress on priorities for 2019, and
  - Develop recommendations to the Committee, as appropriate.
- 5:15 pm Other business ..... (*Martens*)
- 5:30 pm *Adjourn*

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**AGENDA**

**GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE  
April 2, 2019**

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*The Groundfish Advisory Panel report will be provided under each agenda item.*

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review ..... (Stockwell)
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