



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2018
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Groundfish Committee meeting on Friday, June 1, 2018

There will be a **Groundfish Committee** meeting at the **Four Points by Sheraton, Wakefield, MA** on **Friday, June 1, starting at 9:00 am.**

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss: (1) progress on Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (2) items to include in Framework Adjustment 58 - to be initiated at the June Council meeting, and (3) 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. Presentations: Council and NMFS staff
3. Draft alternatives for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
4. Groundfish PDT memo to the Groundfish Committee regarding additional analyses for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
5. Groundfish PDT memo to the Groundfish Committee regarding initiation of Framework Adjustment 58
6. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group meeting summary, April 26, 2018
 - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, May 8, 2018
 - c. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, May 9, 2018
 - d. Groundfish Advisory Panel draft meeting motions, May 31, 2018
7. Correspondence

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

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

At the Meeting:

- After an overview of the GAP recommendations (Docs. 6b and 6d), Council and NMFS staff will provide an update on progress on Amendment 23 (Docs. 2 to 4, and Doc. 6a).
- The Committee may wish to make recommendations to the Council.

Framework Adjustment 58

At the Meeting:

- After an overview of the GAP recommendations (Doc. 6d), Council staff will provide an overview of possible items for inclusion in Framework Adjustment 58 - to be initiated at the June Council meeting (Docs. 2 and 5).
- The Committee may wish to make recommendations to the Council.

After the Meeting:

The Council will discuss Amendment 23 and Framework Adjustment 58 on June 13.

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

GOUNDFISH COMMITTEE JUNE 1, 2018

**Four Points by Sheraton
1 Audubon Road
Wakefield, MA 01880
Phone: (781) 245-9300**

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Stockwell*)
- 9:15 am Report from the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)(*Martens*)
- 9:45 am Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23(*Stockwell/Cournane/Frede*)
- Presentation: Overview of the Plan Development Team (PDT) report including specific analyses on observer bias, the coefficient of variation standard used to determine at-sea coverage rates, and discarding of legal-sized Gulf of Maine cod *Cournane, Frede, Demarest, and Linden.*
 - Discuss draft alternatives, development of the action, and GAP recommendations
 - Make recommendations to the Council
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm Continue Discussion
- 3:30 pm Framework Adjustment 58 (*Stockwell/Cournane*)
- Discuss PDT work to date and review GAP recommendations, and
 - Make recommendations to the Council on items to include in the action (to be initiated at the June Council meeting)
 - Set specifications for FY2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
 - Revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
 - Address Status Determination Criteria issue when analytic assessments fail,
 - Provide additional guidance on sector overages, and
 - Revise other management measures, if necessary.
- 3:45 pm Other business.....(*Stockwell*)
- 4:00 pm Adjourn