



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 1, 2019  
**TO:** Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** Joint meeting - Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel, October 30

The Groundfish Committee (Committee) will meet jointly with the Groundfish Advisory Panel (Advisors) at the Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, NH on Wednesday, October 30, starting at 9:00 am.

**Purpose.** The Advisors and Committee will discuss and make recommendations to the Committee or Council, as appropriate, on: (1) Framework Adjustment 59: Specifications, (2) Amendment 23: Groundfish Monitoring, and (3) other business as necessary.

**Meeting Materials.** Council staff distributes electronic documents in advance of each meeting and posts these to [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). For paper copies, please request a packet in advance of the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jamie Cournane ([jcournane@nefmc.org](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org); 978-465-0492 ext. 103) or Robin Frede ([rfrede@nefmc.org](mailto:rfrede@nefmc.org); ext. 124).

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
3. Framework Adjustment 59: Specifications
  - a. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re candidate Groundfish OFLs and ABCs for fishing years 2020 to 2022
  - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re analysis for the priority to address allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data
  - c. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re a review of the Georges Bank haddock sub-annual catch limit in the directed midwater trawl Atlantic herring fishery, with Herring PDT attachment
4. Amendment 23: Groundfish Monitoring
  - a. Draft alternatives, following the September Council meeting
  - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re follow-up on draft impacts analysis for Amendment 23
  - c. Presentation: Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on Groundfish Management (GMRI)
  - d. Letter NEFMC to NEFSC re observer deployment data for A23, July 3, 2019
5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, Sept. 16, 2019
  - b. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Sept. 17, 2019
  - c. Council motions, September 2019
6. Correspondence

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

**1. Framework Adjustment 59: Specifications**

Council staff will provide update on the development of the action (Docs. 2 and 3a-3c), focusing the development of the draft alternatives including updates to annual catch limits for FY2020-FY2022 for fifteen groundfish stocks, review of the sub-annual catch limit for Georges Bank haddock in the mid-water trawl Atlantic herring fishery, and revisions/additions to commercial/recreational allocations. The Advisors and Committee may wish to make recommendations on the draft alternatives.

**2. Amendment 23: Groundfish Monitoring**

Council staff will provide an update on the development of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (Docs. 2, 4a-4c). This includes revisions to the draft alternatives since the September Council meeting, additional impacts analysis, and an overview of the Management Strategy Evaluation contract with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute on “Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on Groundfish Management”.

**Next Steps.** The Committee and Advisors will jointly meet on Monday, November 25 to continue working on and provide recommendations on Framework Adjustment 59, Amendment 23, and possible Council priorities for 2019.

**Drafting Motions and Rationale.** You are encouraged to prepare motions and rationale in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Dr. Cournane ([jcournane@nefmc.org](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org)) or Ms. Frede ([rfrede@nefmc.org](mailto:rfrede@nefmc.org)).



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### AGENDA

#### JOINT MEETING GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE AND GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL Wednesday October 30, 2019

**Holiday Inn  
300 Woodbury Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review ..... (*Stockwell/Martens*)
- 9:15 am Framework Adjustment 59/Specifications ..... (*Stockwell/Martens/Cournane/Errend*)
- Discuss development of the draft alternatives,
  - Review the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) memo on commercial and recreational allocations,
  - Review the joint memo from the Groundfish PDT and Herring PDT on the review of the Georges Bank haddock sub-annual catch limit in the mid-water trawl Atlantic herring fishery, and
  - Make recommendations, as appropriate.
- 12:00 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring ..... (*Stockwell/Martens/Frede /Errend*)
- Receive an overview of the Management Strategy Evaluation contract work with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (*GMRI staff*).
  - Continue other topics after lunch.
- 12:30 pm Lunch .....
- 2:00 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring ..... (*Stockwell/Martens/Frede /Errend*)
- Review updates to the draft alternatives, and
  - Receive an update on progress on the draft Environmental Impact Statement
- 3:30 pm Other business..... (*Stockwell/Martens*)
- 4:00 pm Adjourn