



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2019
TO: Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Joint meeting - Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel, November 25**

The Groundfish Committee (Committee) will meet jointly with the Groundfish Advisory Panel (Advisors) at the DoubleTree in Danvers, MA on Monday, November 25, 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, (3) possible Council priorities for 2020, and (4) other business as necessary.

Meeting Materials. Council staff distributes electronic documents in advance of each meeting and posts these to 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; 978-465-0492 ext. 103) or Robin Frede (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. Draft alternatives, version 1 (*version 2, to be provided*)
 - b. Draft environmental impacts analysis, version 1
 - c. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re FW59 sub-component review
 - d. Recreational catch statistics, NOAA Fisheries/Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - e. Memo from Scallop PDT to Groundfish PDT re scallop fishery groundfish bycatch estimates
 - f. ADDITIONAL: See previous meeting documents 3a-3c, located here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-30-2019-joint-groundfish-committee-and-advisory-panel-meeting>
 - g. SSC Report to Council on Groundfish OFLs and ABCs for FY2020-FY2022.
4. Amendment 23: Groundfish Monitoring
 - a. Draft alternatives, updated
 - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re updates to draft alternatives
 - c. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee re vessel specific coverage level option

5. Summary Report of the Council Listening Sessions to Consider a Limited Access Program in the Recreational Groundfish Party/Charter Fishery, Aug. 23, 2019
6. Presentation: Summary of NOAA Fisheries/Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's 2019 Recreational Workshops
7. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Joint Groundfish Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting, final motions, Oct. 30, 2019
 - b. Recreational Advisory Panel meeting, final motions, Nov. 12, 2019
8. 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 an overview of the draft alternatives (Docs. 2, 3a, 3c, and 3g), draft impacts analysis (Docs. 3b, 3d, 3e, and 3f), and sub-component analysis (Doc. 3c). The Advisors and Committee may wish to make recommendations on preferred alternatives.

2. Amendment 23: Groundfish Monitoring

Council staff will provide an update on the development of the draft Environmental Impact Statement, with a focus on the draft alternatives (Docs. 2, 4a-4c). Staff will identify decision points (Docs. 4b and 4c). The Advisors and Committee may wish to make recommendations, as appropriate.

3. Possible Council Priorities for 2020

Before discussing possible priorities, the Committee will receive two relevant reports:

- An overview of the “Summary Report of the Listening Sessions to Consider a Limited Access Program in the Recreational Groundfish Party/Charter Fishery” (Docs. 2 and 5), and
- A presentation with a summary of NOAA Fisheries/Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's 2019 Recreational Workshops (Doc. 6).

Then, Council staff will provide an overview of past discussions with respect to priorities (Doc. 2). The Committee may wish to develop final recommendations to the Council regarding priorities for 2020.

Next Steps. At its December 2019 meeting, the Council will:

- Take final action on Framework Adjustment 59,
- Receive an update on Amendment 23, and
- Decide on priorities for 2020.

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) or Ms. Frede (rfrede@nefmc.org).



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AGENDA

JOINT MEETING GROUND FISH COMMITTEE AND GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL November 25, 2019

**DoubleTree by Hilton
50 Ferncroft Road
Danvers, MA 01950**

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Stockwell/Martens*)
- 9:15 am Framework Adjustment 59/Specifications(*Stockwell/Martens/Cournane*)
- Review the draft alternatives and draft impacts analysis from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT),
 - Make recommendations on preferred alternatives, as appropriate.
- 12:30 pm Lunch.....
- 1:45 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring (*Stockwell/Martens/Frede*)
- Receive an update on the draft Environmental Impact Statement,
 - Discuss the draft alternatives and work of the PDT, and
 - Make recommendations as appropriate.
- 3:45 pm Council’s Public Listening Sessions on the Possibility of Limited Entry in the Recreational Groundfish Party and Charter Fishery(*Cournane*)
Receive and discuss the final report of the listening sessions and public comments.
- 4:15 pm Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office’s Recreational Workshops(*Joyce*)
Receive an overview of the recent regional workshops in October 2019 that built off the outcomes of the 2017 workshop.
- 4:45 pm Possible Council Priorities (*Stockwell/Cournane*)
- Hold discussion of possible priorities for 2020, and
 - Develop recommendations to the Council.
- 5:15 pm Other business.....(*Stockwell/Martens*)
- 5:30 pm Adjourn