



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 14, 2020
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

The **Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)** will meet at the **Four Points Sheraton, Wakefield, MA** on **Tuesday, January 21, starting at 12:30 pm.**

Purpose. The purpose of the GAP meeting is to discuss: (1) Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (2) Council priorities for 2020, 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. Presentation: 2020 Council priorities, Council staff
3. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring – Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - a. PART 1 – Sections 1-5 and Section 8 (Background, Alternatives, Glossary of key terms)
 - b. PART 2 – Section 6 (Affected Environment)
 - c. PART 3a – Section 7 (Biological and Physical Impacts Analysis)
 - d. PART 3b – Section 7 (Economic and Social Impacts Analysis)
 - e. PART 4 – Appendices (Supporting Analysis)
 - f. Draft Decision Document for Amendment 23
 - g. Presentation: Council staff
 - h. Presentation: Economic impacts, ASM/EM
 - i. Presentation: Economic impacts, DSM
4. 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 Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (Docs. 3a-3e) using the discussion document (Doc. 3f) and presentation (Doc. 3g) as guides. In addition, the results from the economic impacts analysis will be presented (Docs. 3d, 3h, and 3i). Council and NMFS staff will answer questions from the advisors.

The advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee:

- 1) to select preliminary preferred alternatives, and
- 2) to approve the DEIS for public hearings.

Priorities for 2020

Council staff will provide an overview of the Council's 2020 priorities (Doc. 2).

Drafting Motions. You are encouraged to prepare motions and rationale in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).

After the Meeting

The Committee will discuss these topics at its meeting on Thursday, January 23 in Wakefield, MA. (see: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jan-23-2020-groundfish-committee-meeting>) and the Council will do the same during its January 28-30 meeting in Portsmouth, NH under the Groundfish Committee Report (see: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/january-2020-council-meeting>).



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AGENDA

GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL Tuesday, January 21, 2020

**Four Points Sheraton
One Audubon Road
Wakefield, MA 01880
Phone: (718) 245-9300**

- 12:30 pm Opening remarks, welcome new members, and agenda review(*Martens*)
- 12:40 pm Brief overview of the Council's Advisory Panel policy.....(*Cournane*)
- 12:50 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring.....(*Council and NMFS staff*)
- Receive an overview of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS),
 - Receive a presentation on the economic impacts analysis, and
 - Consider recommending to the Groundfish Committee preliminary preferred alternatives and approval of the DEIS for public hearings
- 5:30 pm 2020 Council Priorities(*Cournane*)
Receive an overview of the Council's 2020 priorities for groundfish
- 5:45 pm Other business.....(*Martens*)
- 6:00 pm Adjourn

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