



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 14, 2020
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Groundfish Committee meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020**

The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet at the **Four Points Sheraton, Wakefield, MA** on **Thursday, January 23, starting at 9:00 am.**

Purpose. The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss: (1) recreational measures for fishing year 2020 for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, (2) Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (3) Council priorities for 2020, 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. 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. Recreational measures for fishing year 2020
 - a. Summary of recent recreational catch and effort data, NMFS
 - b. Background Presentation: Bioeconomic model results, NMFS
 - c. Presentation: Council staff
 - d. Council Staff to Groundfish Committee memo re recreational accountability measures
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. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 21, 2020
 - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 21, 2020
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. Presentation: 2020 Council priorities, Council staff

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

Recreational Management Measures for Fishing Year 2020

Council staff will provide an overview of recent recreational catch and effort data for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod (Doc. 2a). Staff will also provide results from the bioeconomic model for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine (Doc. 2b). Council staff will also provide an overview of recreational accountability measures (Docs. 2c and 2d). Council staff will answer questions from the Committee.

The Committee will review the recommendations from the recreational advisors (Doc. 4a) and develop recommendations to the Council on recreational management measures for fishing year 2020 for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock.

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 Committee.

The Committee will review the recommendations from the groundfish advisors (Doc. 4b) and the Committee may wish to develop recommendations to the Council:

- 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. 6).

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 Council will discuss these topics 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 COMMITTEE
Thursday January 23, 2020

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

*Recommendations from the Recreational Advisory Panel and Groundfish Advisory Panel
will be provided under the corresponding discussion.*

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Stockwell*)
- 9:10 am Recreational measures for fishing year 2020..... (*Stockwell/Cournane*)
 - Receive an overview of recent catch and effort data for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod
 - Discuss results from the bioeconomic model for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, and
 - Provide recommendations to the Council on fishing year 2020 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock
- 10:30 am Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring(*Stockwell, 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 Council preliminary preferred alternatives and approval of the DEIS for public hearings
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm Continue Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
- 5:00 pm 2020 Council Priorities(*Cournane*)
Receive an overview of the Council’s 2020 priorities for groundfish
- 5:15 pm Other business.....(*Stockwell*)
- 5:30 pm Adjourn

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