



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2020
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Alexander, Acting Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020

The **Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Tuesday, August 18**, starting at **10 am**. Please check the Council website and meeting notice for webinar details, located at the meeting webpage here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-18-2020-groundfish-advisory-panel-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) petition for rulemaking on Atlantic cod,
2. Framework Adjustment 61/specifications and management measures, and
3. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

A PDF of each document is sent to the Advisors in advance and posted to the meeting webpage (listed above), which is regularly updated. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (this memo)
2. Agenda
3. Atlantic Cod
 - a. CLF Petition for Rulemaking to End Overfishing and Rebuild Cod
 - b. Supplement to CLF Cod Petition
 - c. Correspondence: GARFO to NEFMC re CLF Petition
 - d. Presentation: Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) Report
4. Framework 61- Presentation: Groundfish PDT Report
5. Correspondence

Meetings Topics

The following section outlines the meeting expected outcomes. You are encouraged to prepare motions and rationale in advance and send them to: jcournane@nefmc.org .

Expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated AP Motions</u>
<i>CLF Petition for rulemaking on Atlantic cod</i>	3a-3d	Council staff will present the Groundfish Plan Development Team's (PDT) outline for a qualitative analysis of the measures identified in the petition.	Discussion of the petition and possible recommendations on Atlantic cod management
<i>Framework Adjustment 61</i>	4	Council staff will provide an update on the development of groundfish specifications and management measures. In addition, Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff will provide an update on the 2020 management track assessment.	None.

Next Steps

The Committee will discuss these topics at its August 19 meeting by webinar, see details here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-19-2020-groundfish-committee-webinar>