



New England Fishery Management Council

50 WATER STREET | NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS 01950 | PHONE 978 465 0492 | FAX 978 465 3116
John F. Quinn, J.D., Ph.D., *Chairman* | Thomas A. Nies, *Executive Director*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2020
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Alexander, Acting Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020

The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Wednesday, August 19**, starting at **9:30 am**. Please check the Council website and meeting notice for webinar details, located at the meeting webpage here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-19-2020-groundfish-committee-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) petition for rulemaking on Atlantic cod,
2. Framework Adjustment 61/specifications and management measures,
3. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, and
4. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

A PDF of each document is sent to the Committee members 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
6. Presentation: Developing a strawman limited entry program to solicit feedback from the groundfish party/charter fishery
7. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
 - a. See sub-panel of the SSC review documents here:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-21-2020-ssc-sub-panel-peer-review-webinar>
 - b. Presentation

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 Committee 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.
<i>Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring</i>	7a-7b	Contractor will provide a presentation on <i>Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on New England Groundfish Management</i> .	None.
<i>Other Business-Strawman limited entry program</i>	6	Council staff will provide a brief overview of contract work.	None.

Next Steps

A peer review sub-panel of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet via webinar on Friday, August 21 at 9am to review *Evaluating the Impact of Inaccurate Catch Information on New England Groundfish Management* prepared by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and collaborators. Details and documents are available here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-21-2020-ssc-sub-panel-peer-review-webinar>