



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23, 2020
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel and Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Alexander, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Meetings on November 30, 2020**

The **Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Monday, November 30**, starting at **9:00 am**. The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet the same day in the afternoon by **Webinar**, starting at **12:45 pm**. Please check the Council website and meeting notice for webinar details, located at the meeting webpages here:

GAP: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-30-2020-groundfish-advisory-panel-webinar>

Committee: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-30-2020-groundfish-committee-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 61/specifications and management measures, and
2. 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 and agenda (*this document*)
2. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
3. Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures
 - a. Draft alternatives, November 2020 (*to be provided*)
 - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re FW61 sub-component analysis
 - c. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re FW61 draft environmental impacts analysis (*to be provided*)
 - d. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re FW61 universal sector exemption for redfish, haddock, and pollock (*to be provided*)
 - e. Council Decision Document for Framework Adjustment 61 (*to be provided*)
 - f. SSC to Nies re Groundfish OFLs/ABCs for FY2021-FY2023
4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Nov. 4, 2020
 - b. Groundfish Committee, meeting motions, Nov. 4, 2020

- c. Groundfish Advisory Panel, draft meeting motions, Nov. 30, 2020 (*to be provided to the Groundfish Committee*)
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. Presentation: Update on the party/charter limited entry “strawman” project (*Groundfish Committee, only*)

Meetings Topic

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 GAP or Committee Motions</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 61</i>	2 and 3a-3e	Discuss draft alternatives and draft environmental impacts analysis, and Receive an update on a preliminary analysis of a universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock, and haddock	Make recommendations on final action for specifications and white hake rebuilding and the development of the sector exemption alternative, as appropriate.
<i>Recreational groundfish party/charter limited entry “strawman” (Groundfish Committee only)</i>	6	Receive a brief update.	None.

Next Steps

The Council is scheduled to take split final action on FW61 in December 2020 (specifications and white hake rebuilding) and January 2021 (a universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock, and haddock). The Council will receive the final report on the recreational groundfish party/charter limited entry “strawman” in January 2021.



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AGENDA

**GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL
Monday, November 30, 2020**

By webinar

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Martens*)
- 9:10 am Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures
(*Cournane/Frede/Errend*)
 - Discuss draft alternatives and draft environmental impacts analysis from the Groundfish Plan Development Team for 2021 US/CA total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; 2021-2023 specifications for half of the groundfish stocks; and white hake rebuilding,
 - Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee for final action on specifications and a white hake rebuilding plan, and
 - Receive an update on a preliminary analysis of a universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock, and haddock, and make recommendations, as appropriate.
- 11:30 am Other business.....(*Martens*)
- 12:00 pm *Adjourn*

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AGENDA

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE
Monday, November 30, 2020

By webinar

- 12:45 pm Opening remarks and agenda review..... (*Alexander*)
- 1:00 pm Groundfish Advisory Panel Report(*Martens*)
- 1:30 pm Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures
(*Cournane/Frede/Errend*)
- Discuss draft alternatives and draft environmental impacts analysis from the Groundfish Plan Development Team for 2021 US/CA total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; 2021-2023 specifications for half of the groundfish stocks; and white hake rebuilding,
 - Consider work of the Groundfish Plan Development Team and recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and make recommendations to the Council for final action on specifications and a white hake rebuilding plan, and
 - Receive an update on a preliminary analysis of a universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock, and haddock.
- 4:30 pm Update on the recreational groundfish party/charter limited entry “strawman” project
(*Joyce/Cournane*)
- 5:15 pm Other business..... (*Alexander*)
- 5:45 pm *Adjourn*

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