



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 21, 2021  
**TO:** Groundfish Committee  
**FROM:** Terry Alexander, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting on January 26, 2021

The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Tuesday, January 26**, starting at **9:00 am** (ending by 4:00 pm). Please check the Council website and meeting notice for webinar details, located at the meeting webpage here:

Committee: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jan-20-2021-groundfish-advisory-panel-webinar>

#### **Agenda Topics**

1. Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures,
2. Control rules, and
3. 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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org) ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (*this document*)
2. Agenda
3. Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures
  - a. Draft alternatives, January 2021
  - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re FW61 draft environmental impacts analysis for a universal sector exemption for redfish
  - c. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re follow-up on FW61 universal sector exemption for redfish
  - d. Presentation
4. Recreational measures for fishing year 2021
  - a. Preliminary data summary and information, NEFSC
  - b. Groundfish PDT to Groundfish Committee memo re possible recreational measures for FY2021 for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock (*to be provided*)
5. Limited Entry Strawman for Party/Charter Recreational Groundfish
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Summary Report with Appendices

6. Presentation: Update on work to revise ABC control rules for groundfish stocks
7. Atlantic Cod Stock Structure
  - a. Presentation (*to be provided*)
  - b. Summary of proposed working groups/workshops (*to be provided*)
8. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 20, 2021 (*to be provided*)
  - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Jan. 20, 2021 (*to be provided*)
9. Correspondence

## **Meeting 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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org).

### ***Expected meeting outcomes***

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Presentations/Discussion</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated GAP Motions</u></b>
<b><i>Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures</i></b>	3a-3d, 8b	Discuss the last component of the action – a proposed universal sector exemption to allow fishing for redfish. Receive recommendations from the Advisors.	Make final action recommendations to the Council.
<b><i>Fishing Year 2021 Recreational Measures</i></b>	3 and 4a-4b, 8a	Receive a summary of information and discuss. Receive recommendation from the Advisors.	Make recommendations on FY2021 recreational measures for GOM cod and GOM haddock to the Council.
<b><i>Recreational groundfish party/charter limited entry “strawman”</i></b>	5a-5b	Receive a summary of public feedback on developing a strawman proposal for a potential limited entry program for party/charter vessels in the recreational groundfish fishery, discuss the proposal. Receive feedback from the Advisors.	Develop recommendations for next steps to the Council.
<b><i>Groundfish Control Rules</i></b>	6	Receive an update on work to revise acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish stocks	None.
<b><i>Atlantic Cod Stock Structure</i></b>	7a-7b	Receive an update on proposed working groups/workshops.	None.

## **Next Steps**

The Groundfish Committee will meet on Jan. 26, 2021 to take up these meeting topics followed by the Council meeting on the same day. The Council will take final action on FW61, make recommendations to GARFO on FY2021 recreational measures, and discuss next steps for possible limited entry in the party/charter recreational groundfish fishery.