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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 2021
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting on August 18, 2021

The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Wednesday, August 18**, 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-18-2021-groundfish-committee-meeting>

Agenda Topics

1. Preliminary discussion of possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish,
2. Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures,
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 ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (*this document*)
2. Agenda
3. 2021 Council Priorities
4. Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures
 - a. Draft alternatives outline
 - b. Groundfish PDT to SSC re GB yellowtail flounder OFLs and ABCs, including a memo from the Scallop PDT to the Groundfish PDT
 - c. Plan Development Team Presentation
5. Groundfish Committee meeting motions, August 6, 2021
6. 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.

Expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Committee Motions</u>
<i>Possible 2022 Council Priorities</i>	3	Discuss possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish.	Make recommendations for possible priorities.
<i>Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures</i>	4a-4c	Discuss development of draft Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures.	Make recommendations on draft measures for the PDT to develop.

Next Steps

The Groundfish Committee will meet on September 23, 2021 to continue development of FW63 and discuss the preliminary findings from the Atlantic cod management workshops.