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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2021
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Meetings on September 22-23, 2021**

The **Recreational Advisory Panel (8:00 am to noon)** followed by the **Groundfish Advisory Panel (1pm to 5pm)** will meet by **Webinar on Wednesday, September 22**. The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet the next day by **Webinar on Thursday, September 23, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Please check the Council website and meeting notice for webinar details, located at the meeting webpage here:

RAP: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-22-2021-recreational-advisory-panel-webinar>

GAP: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-22-2021-groundfish-advisory-panel-webinar>

GF CMTE: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-23-2021-groundfish-committee-meeting>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures,
2. Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Management Workshops
3. Possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish, 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 overview memo from Groundfish Committee Chair
2. Agendas
3. 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. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re Framework Adjustment 63 – default specifications analysis
 - d. TRAC Status Report 2021 – Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder
 - e. TRAC Status Report 2021 – Eastern Georges Bank Cod
 - f. TRAC Status Report 2021 – Eastern Georges Bank Haddock

- g. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
- 4. Presentation: 2021 Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshops (*to be provided*)
- 5. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Committee, meeting summary, Aug. 6, 2021
 - b. Groundfish Committee, meeting summary, Aug. 18, 2021
 - c. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Sep. 22, 2021 (*to be provided to Committee*)
 - d. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Sep. 22, 2021 (*to be provided to Committee*)
- 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 RAP, GAP and Committee Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures</i>	3a-3g	Discuss development of draft Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures.	Make recommendations on draft measures to develop.
<i>Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Management Workshops</i>	4	Receive an overview of the Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Management Workshops.	Discuss and possibly recommend measures that can be adopted regardless of assessment outcomes.
<i>Possible 2022 Council Priorities</i>	5c-5d	Discuss possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish.	Discuss and develop a list of possible items.

Next Steps

The Council will meet on September 28-30 by webinar. Council actions anticipated:

- A. Framework Adjustment 63 – receive an update and approve recommendations from the TMGC and SSC.
- B. Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshops – discuss and consider measures that can be adopted regardless of assessment outcomes.