



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2022
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting on March 16, 2022

The **Groundfish Committee** meets by **webinar** on **Wednesday, March 16** starting at **9:30 am**. Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/mar-16-2022-groundfish-committee-webinar>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 65/Specification Measures (*to be initiated*),
2. Council Priorities for 2022, and
3. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

Check the link in your email for the meeting materials or the meeting webpage. Contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 103) with questions about documents.

1. Meeting overview memo from Groundfish Committee Chair and agenda
2. Presentation, Council Staff
3. 2022 Council Priorities
4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Committee, Jan. 20, 2022
 - b. Council Meeting, motions, Feb. 1-3, 2022
 - c. Groundfish Plan Development Team, Draft, Mar. 9, 2022
5. Correspondence

Meeting Topics

The following table outlines the expected outcomes by topic. Please prepare motions and rationale in advance and email to jcournane@nefmc.org

Expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 65</i>	2, 4b	Discuss specifications and measures anticipated to be included in this action	Motion to recommend to the Council initiating FW65 with list of items to include.
<i>2022 Council Priorities</i>	2, 4a, and 4b	Receive a progress report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team and discuss a Council motion to consider adding to the priorities a transition plan for Atlantic cod management from the current two management units to up to five management units	Recommendation to the Council on 2022 priorities.

Next Steps

April 2022 - The Council meets April 12-14 and is expected to initiated Framework Adjustment 65 and possibly change its 2022 priorities for groundfish.



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AGENDA

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE MARCH 16, 2022

Webinar

9:30 am Opening remarks and agenda review..... (Bellavance)

9:40 am Framework Adjustment 65/Specification Measures (Bellavance/Cournane)

Expected to be initiated at the April 2022 Council meeting

Discuss specifications and measures anticipated to be included in this action

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Council Priorities for 2022 (Bellavance/Cournane/Frede)

Receive a progress report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team and discuss a Council motion to consider adding to the priorities a transition plan for Atlantic cod management from the current two management units to up to five management units

2:00 pm Other business..... (Bellavance)

2:30 pm Adjourn