



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2022
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting on June 2, 2022

The **Groundfish Advisory Panel** meets by **webinar** on **Thursday, June 2** starting at **9:30 am**.
Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jun-2-2022-groundfish-advisory-panel>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 65/Specification Measures,
2. Amendment 23 Review Metrics
3. Atlantic Cod Management
4. Council Research Priorities,
5. 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. Framework Adjustment 65
 - a. Draft alternatives outline
 - b. GF PDT memo to CMTE re FW63, Aug. 3, 2021
 - c. GF PDT memo to CMTE re SNE/MA winter flounder other fisheries, Apr. 1, 2022
4. Amendment 23 Review Metrics
 - a. A23 metrics discussion document outline
 - b. GF PDT A23 metrics discussion notes
5. Council Research Priorities
 - a. Presentation: Council Research Priorities update process
 - b. 2021-2025 Council Research Priorities
 - c. GF PDT to GF CMTE re Council Research Priorities 2022-2026, May 27, 2022
6. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel, Nov. 22, 2021
 - b. Groundfish Committee, Jan. 20, 2022
 - c. Groundfish Plan Development Team, Mar. 9, 2022

- d. Groundfish Committee, Mar. 16, 2022
- e. Council Meeting, motions, Apr. 12-14, 2022
- 7. Correspondence

Meeting Topics

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

Key discussion questions and expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 65</i>	2, 3a-c, 6c, 6e	Discuss development of draft specifications and measures <i>Key discussion question:</i> <i>What management measures should be examined for GOM cod and SNE/MA winter flounder to promote stock rebuilding?</i>	Motions to recommend alternatives to develop.
<i>Amendment 23 Review Metrics</i>	4a-4b, 6c	Discuss progress on development of metrics. <i>Key discussion question:</i> <i>What additional metrics should be considered?</i>	None.
<i>Atlantic Cod Management</i>	6c, 6d, 6e	Discuss a Council priority to develop a transition plan for Atlantic cod management from the current two management unit to up to five management units (multi-year priority). As a part of the transition plan, there will be a white paper on potential approaches to allocate “Georges Bank cod” to the recreational fishery delivered in 2022 to inform the 2023 priorities discussion. <i>Key discussion question:</i> <i>What should be considered in the white paper when developing draft approaches to allocate GB cod?</i>	None.
<i>Council Research Priorities</i>	5a-5c	Review the current list of Council research priorities and suggest changes or additions to the list. <i>Key discussion question:</i> <i>What should be removed and added to the list?</i>	Recommendations to change the list.

Next Steps

June 2022

Groundfish Committee meets on June 14 by webinar: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jun-14-2022-groundfish-committee-meeting>

Council meets June 28-30 via hybrid meeting in Portland, ME and by webinar: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/june-2022-council-meeting>



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AGENDA

GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL

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Webinar

- 9:30 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(Martens)
- 9:40 am Framework Adjustment 65/Specifications and Management Measures (Cournane)
- 11:00 am Atlantic Cod Management..... (Cournane)
- 12:00 pm *Lunch Break*.....
- 12:45 pm Amendment 23 Review Metrics(Frede)
- 1:45 pm Council Research Priorities (Cournane)
- 2:45 pm Other business.....(Martens)
- 3:00 pm *Adjourn*