

#### New England Fishery Management Council

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#### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 26, 2022

**TO:** Groundfish Advisory Panel

**FROM:** Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Meeting on August 31, 2022

The Groundfish Advisory Panel meets by webinar on Wednesday, August 31 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage: <a href="https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-31-2022-groundfish-advisory-panel-meeting">https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-31-2022-groundfish-advisory-panel-meeting</a>

### **Agenda Topics**

- 1. Framework Adjustment 65/Specification Measures,
- 2. Amendment 23 Review Metrics
- 3. Atlantic Cod Management
- 4. Possible Council 2023 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. The Council's Risk Policy Road Map (2016), that includes the Risk Policy Statement and Implementation Plan, see pp. 4-5 and 10-12.
  - c. GOM and GB Cod
    - i. 2021 Fall Management Track Stock Assessments and Peer Review of GB cod and GOM cod
    - ii. 2022 TRAC Status Report for EGB cod
    - iii. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re Rebuilding Strategies for Gulf of Maine cod
    - iv. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re GB cod additional relevant information

- v. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re Cod OFLs and ABCs FY2022-FY2024
- vi. Risk policy matrix for GOM cod
- vii. Risk policy matrix for GB cod
- d. SNE/MA Winter Flounder
  - i. 2022 Spring Management Track Assessment of SNE/MA winter flounder
  - ii. 2022 Spring Management Track Peer Review of SNE/MA winter flounder
  - iii. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re SNE/MA winter flounder OFLs and ABCs FY2023-FY2025
  - iv. Risk policy matrix for SNE/MA winter flounder
- e. GB Yellowtail Flounder
  - i. 2022 TRAC Status Report for GB yellowtail flounder
  - ii. Memo from Groundfish PDT to SSC re GB yellowtail flounder OFLs and ABCs FY2023-FY2024 and memo from Scallop PDT
  - iii. Risk policy matrix for GB yellowtail flounder
- 4. Council 2022 Priorities
- 5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel, Jun. 2, 2022
  - b. Groundfish Committee, Jun. 14, 2022
  - c. Council Meeting, motions, Jun. 28-30, 2022
- 6. 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

Topic	<b>Documents</b>	Presentations/Discussion	Anticipated Motions/Outcomes
Framework Adjustment 65	2, 3a-e, 5a- 5c	Discuss development of draft specifications and measures	Motions to recommend alternatives to develop.
		Key discussion question: What management measures should be examined for GB cod?	
Amendment 23 Review Metrics	2, 5a-5c	Receive an update on development of metrics.	None.
Atlantic Cod Management	2, 5a-5b	Receive and update on development of a discussion paper on allocating GB cod to the recreational fishery.	None.
Possible Council Priorities	4	Review the current list of possible Council priorities and suggest additions to the list.  Key discussion question: What should be added to the list for consideration?	Recommendations to add to the list.

## Next Steps

September 2022

Groundfish Committee meets on September 15 via hybrid meeting in Boston, MA and by webinar: <a href="https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-15-2022-groundfish-committee-meeting">https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-15-2022-groundfish-committee-meeting</a>

Council meets September 26-29 via hybrid meeting in Gloucester, MA and by webinar: <a href="https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/september-2022-council-meeting">https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/september-2022-council-meeting</a>



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## **AGENDA**

## GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL August 31, 2022

## Webinar

8:30 am	Opening remarks and agenda review(Martens)
8:40 am	Framework Adjustment 65/Specifications and Management Measures
10:00 am	Amendment 23 Review Metrics(Frede)
10:30 am	Atlantic Cod Management (Cournane)
11:15 am	Possible Council Priorities for 2023(Cournane)
12:00 pm	Other business (Martens)
12:30 pm	Adjourn