



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 26, 2022  
**TO:** Recreational Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting on August 31, 2022

The **Recreational Advisory Panel** meets by **webinar** on **Wednesday, August 31** from **1:30 pm** to **5:30 pm**. Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-31-2022-recreational-advisory-panel-meeting>

#### Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 65/Specification Measures,
2. Atlantic Cod Management
3. Possible Council 2023 Priorities,
4. NOAA's National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy
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](mailto: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
- 4. Council 2022 Priorities
- 5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, Jun. 1, 2022
  - b. Groundfish Committee, Jun. 14, 2022
  - c. Council Meeting, motions, Jun. 28-30, 2022
- 6. NOAA Fisheries National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy, 2015
- 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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org)

***Key discussion questions and expected meeting outcomes***

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Presentations/Discussion</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u></b>
<b><i>Framework Adjustment 65</i></b>	2, 3a-e, 5a-5c	Discuss development of draft specifications and measures  <b><i>Key discussion question: What management measures should be examined for GB cod?</i></b>	Motions to recommend alternatives to develop.
<b><i>Atlantic Cod Management</i></b>	2, 5a-5b	Receive and update on development of a discussion paper on allocating GB cod to the recreational fishery.	None.
<b><i>Possible Council Priorities</i></b>	4	Review the current list of possible Council priorities and suggest additions to the list.  <b><i>Key discussion question: What should be added to the list for consideration?</i></b>	Recommendations to add to the list.
<b><i>NOAA Fisheries National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy</i></b>	6	Discuss the provide input to the Groundfish Committee on updating NOAA's National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy.	Recommendations to the Groundfish Committee.

## **Next Steps**

*September 2022*

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

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



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**AGENDA**

**RECREATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL  
August 31, 2022**

**Webinar**

- 1:30 pm Opening remarks and agenda review..... (Blount)
- 1:40 pm Framework Adjustment 65/Specifications and Management Measures .....  
..... (Cournane/Frede/Forristall)
- 2:40 pm Atlantic Cod Management..... (Cournane)
- 3:30 pm Possible Council Priorities for 2023 ..... (Cournane)
- 4:00 pm NOAA’s National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy ..... (Dunn/Cournane)
- 5:00 pm Other business..... (Blount)
- 5:30 pm *Adjourn*