

Transboundary Management Guidance Committee

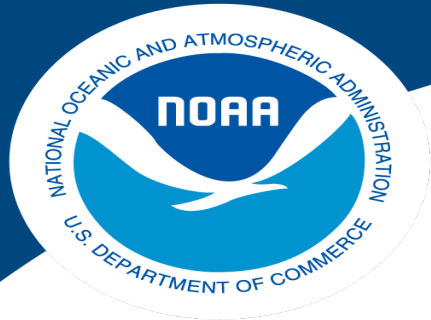
Intersessional Meeting

May 7, 2026

US Updates

- New England Fishery Management Council – Organizational Lead
 - Cate O’Keefe and Robin Frede – staff support
 - Communication and coordination for TMGC and Steering Committee
- TMGC US Delegation 2026
 - Co-Chair: Cate O’Keefe
 - NOAA Regional Management Representative: Spencer Talmage
 - NOAA Northeast Science Representative: Jon Hare
 - Industry Representatives: Eric Hansen
Jackie Odell
Daniel Salerno





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U.S. Fishery Catch of Transboundary Georges Bank Stocks and Management Update

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Preliminary Fishing Year 2025 U.S. Commercial Groundfish Catch (mt)

Stock	Groundfish Sub-ACL	Total Catch	Landings	Discards	Percent Caught
Cod	82	15.5	15.3	0.2	19
Haddock	1554.2	327.7	323.5	4.3	21.1
Yellowtail	78.4	0.5	0.5	<0.1	0.5

Notes:

Commercial Groundfish fishery; report run on April 23, 2026 for data reported through April 21, 2026. U.S. groundfish year runs from May 1 – April 30 of each year; this information is preliminary and subject to change based on final year-end catch accounting.

Preliminary Fishing Year 2025 Yellowtail Catch Detail (mt)

Fishery	Allocation (sub-ACL)	Total Catch	Landings	Discards	% of Allocation Caught
Groundfish	79	0.5	0.5	<0.1	0.63%
Scallop	14.9	19.7	-	19.7	132%

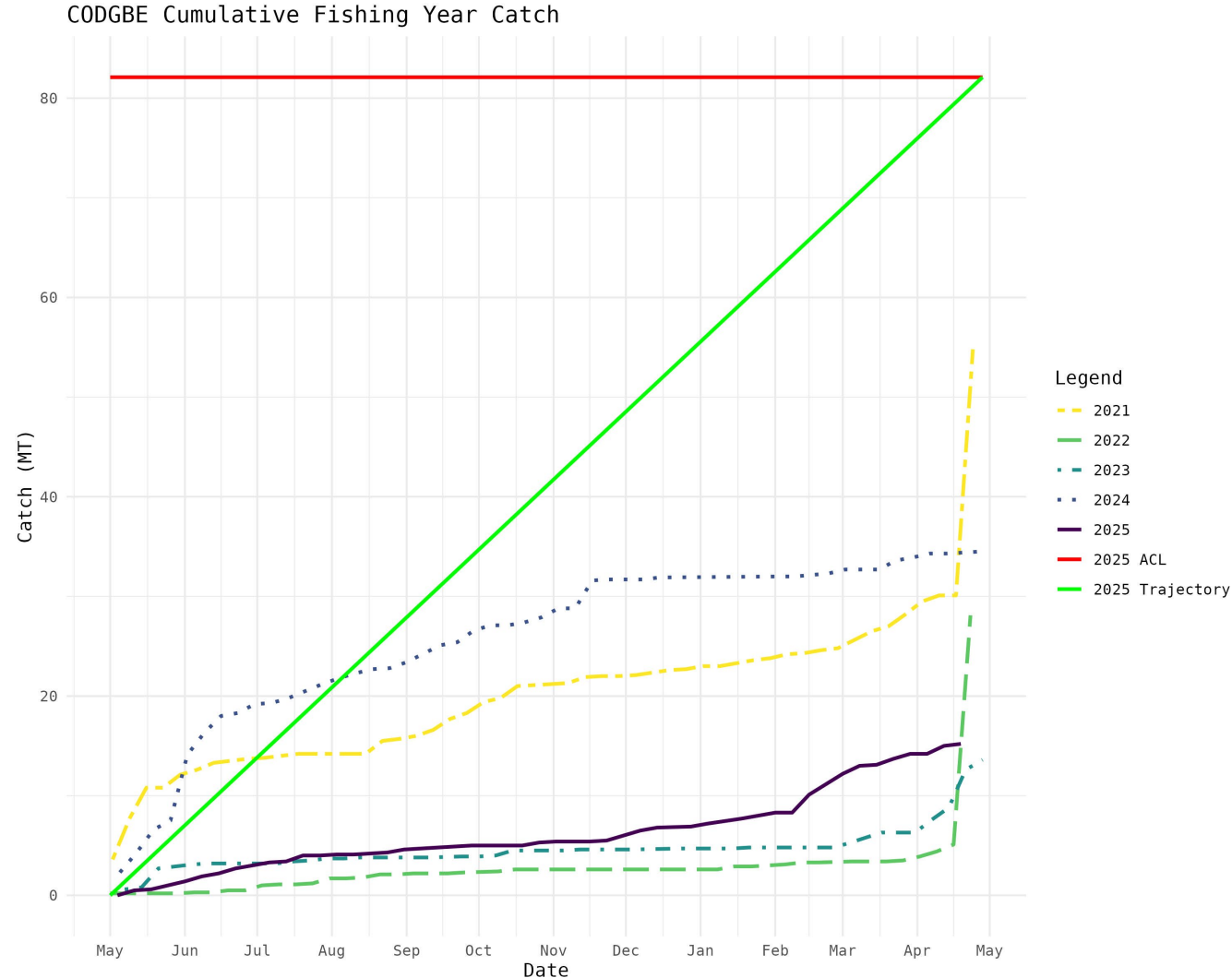
Notes:

- The U.S. sometimes conducts a quota transfer from the scallop fishery to the groundfish fishery during each fishing year. This did not occur in fishing year 2025.
- Scallop fishery catch runs from April 2025 through March 2026. Scallop data pulled April 2, 2026 for data reported through April 1, 2026.

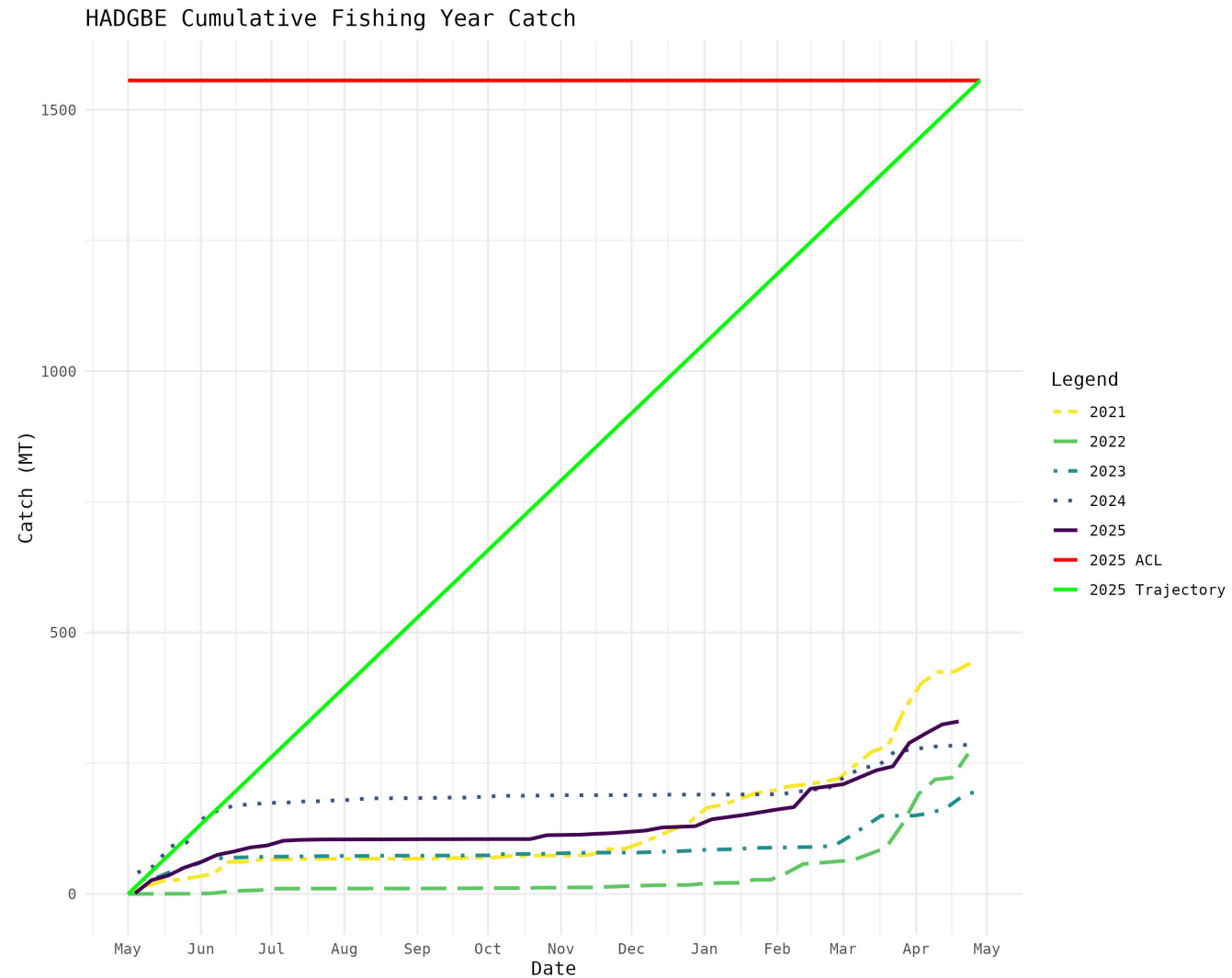
US Fishery Performance



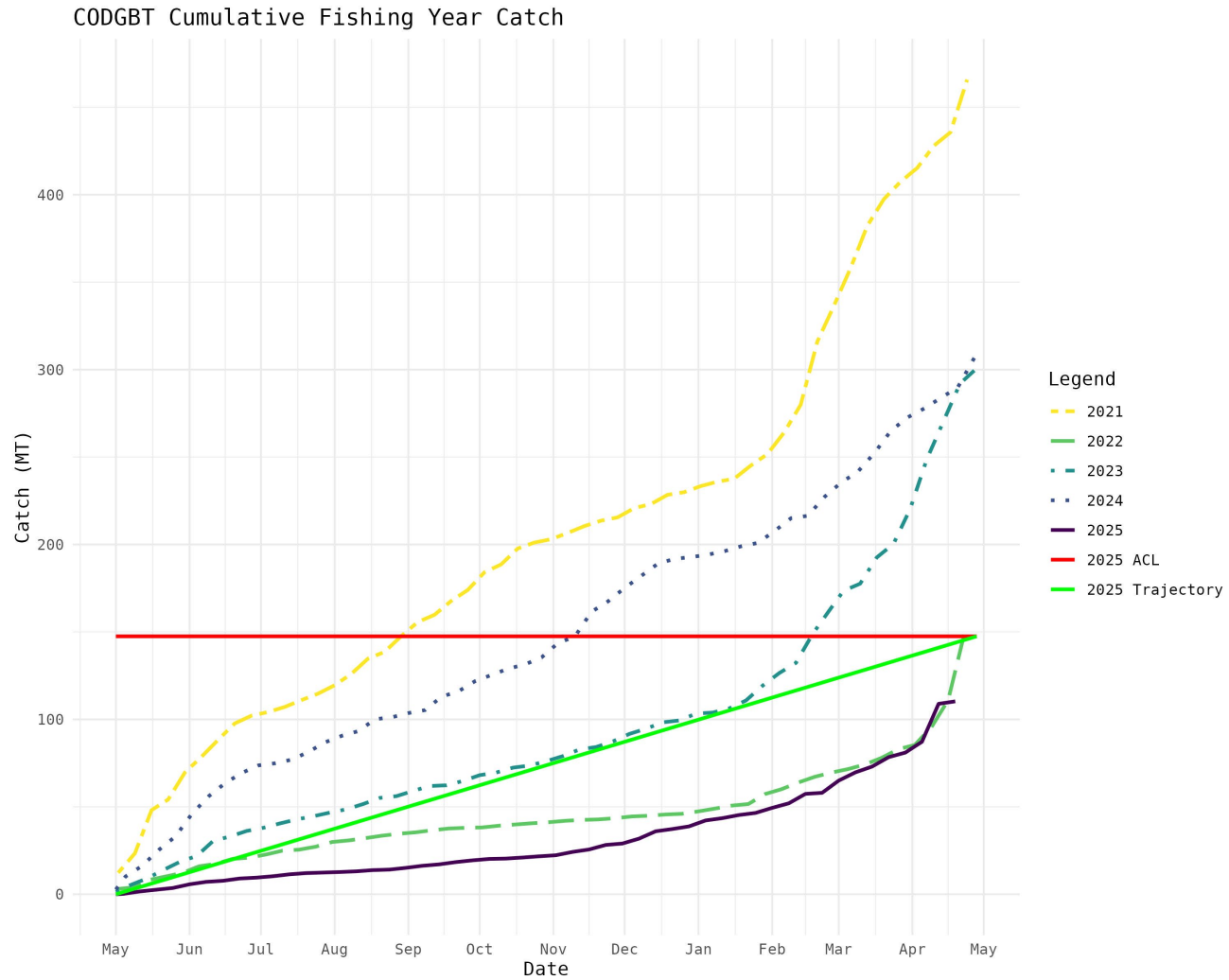
In-Season Catch – Eastern Georges Bank Cod



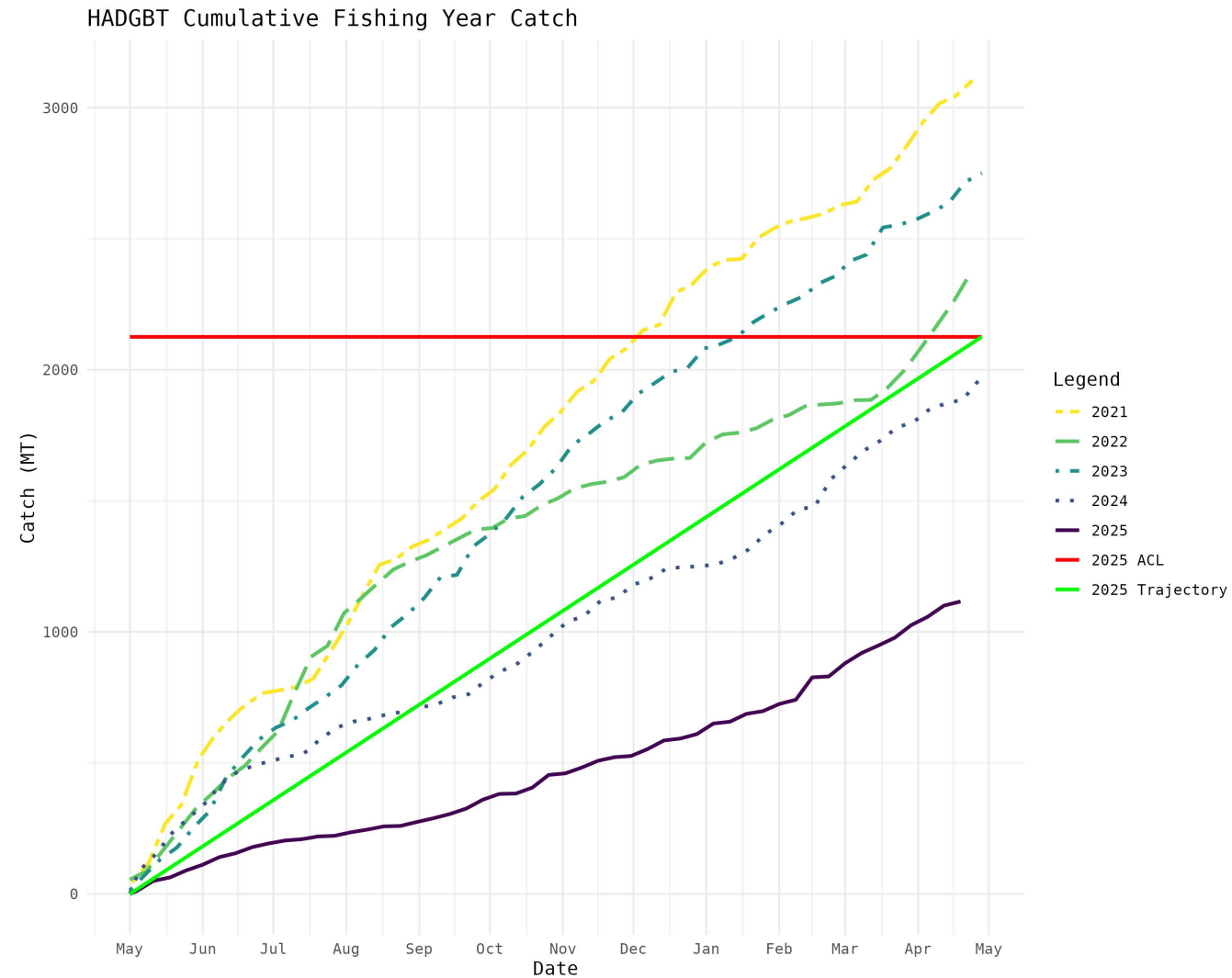
In-Season Catch – Eastern Georges Bank Haddock



In-Season Catch – Total Georges Bank Cod



In-Season Catch – Total Georges Bank Haddock



TMGC: CANADIAN UPDATES





TMGC 2026

TMGC CANADIAN DELEGATION 2026

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Representative

Kathy Cooper-MacDonald (DFO)

DFO Science Representative

Melanie Barrett/Irene Andrushchenko
(DFO Science)

Industry Fixed Gear Representative

Judith Maxwell

Industry Commercial Communal
Representative

Tyson Paul

Industry Mobile Gear Representative

Aaron d'Entremont



EGB FISHERY REVIEW (2025)

2025 Fishery (January 1 – December 31)

Stock	TAC (t)			Fishery Catch (t)*		
	CAN/US	CAN	US	CAN	% of CAN TAC	
HAD	7,410	5,854	1,556	4,694	80.2	
COD	452*	370	82	297	80.3	
YT	200	104	96	6	5.7	

Canadian Haddock Fishery ASO Coverage

Year	Total Landings (t)	Total Trips	Observed Catch (t)	Observed Trips	Observed Landings (%)	Observed Trips (%)
2022	5114	278	2600	142	50.8	51.1
2023	2474	127	1350	72	54.6	56.7
2024	5839	272	3572	158	61.2	58.1
2025	4633	249	2950	155	63.7	62.2



EGB CANADIAN FISHERY (2026)

2026 CANADIAN FISHERY DETAILS

TAC (t)

HAD

COD

YT

3,752

322

26

FISHING SEASON

ASO COVERAGE

WINTER (JAN 1 – FEB 1)

50%

JUNE 1 – DECEMBER 31

MG - 100% June and July, 50% August to December, FG 100% June – July 15, 50% for July 15-August 31, 25% September – December.

CHANGES FROM 2025 (WINTER CHP, JUNE 1 CHP)

No longer able to direct for Cod (all fleets)

PRELIMINARY DATA – WINTER FISHERY (2026)

Preliminary data shows the total haddock catch in the 2026 winter fishery this year was **264 mt**, with a cod bycatch of **6 mt**. This is a decrease from last year (2025) for both haddock (772 mt) and cod bycatch (18 mt). *This was likely due to the reduction in quota for the EGB haddock fishery compared to the previous year.*

Haddock length data from 8 port samples are available from the 16 trips made by the 5Z winter groundfish fishery in 2026. 0 of the 8 port samples exceeded the 15% small fish (< 38 cm). The mean length of the catch was 44 cm.

A total of 6 at-sea observer samples are available in the database. The at-sea observer samples had 0 trips that exceeded the small fish protocol. The mean length of the catch from at-sea observed samples was 45 cm, up from last year (42 cm).

PRELIMINARY ASO DATA - WINTER FISHERY (2026) - Haddock

Year	Total Landings (t)	Total Trips	Observed Catch (t)	Observed trips	Observed Landings (%)	Observed Trips (%)
2022	1101	47	297	14	27	29.8
2023	186	13	90	6	48.4	46.2
2024	1415	52	513	18	36.3	34.6
2025	772	37	351	18	45.4	48.6
2026	264	16	108	6	40.8	37.5
Mean					50.3	48.6

QUESTIONS?

ISATS

2025 Recap and 2026 Plans

Co-Chairs: Tara McIntyre and Michael Simpkins

ISATS Process Development

➤ *Identified Goals*

- Goal A: A shared understanding of the domestic science and management processes and interactions with transboundary efforts.
- Goal B: Agreement on how to develop transboundary advice going forward.
- Goal C: Agreement on recommendations for how to improve efficiency and reduce workload of the overall process.

ISATS Process

- Technical Science Coordination (TSC) meeting:
 - to provide a forum for the scientists leading stock assessments to focus on a shared understanding of each other's assessments.
 - production of a joint report to compile science advice from the domestic assessments to be shared with the TMGC.
- ISATS report provides:
 - summary of catch advice from DFO and NOAA assessments.
 - scientific context for the TMGC based on the domestic assessments.
 - annual updates to the Allocation Shares calculation and Apportionment calculation.
- TMGC Info Session
 - presentation of ISATS report and question period for TMGC.

ISATS Process

2025

- TSC meeting of science leads July 16, 2025.
- ISATS report shared with TMGC on July 21, 2025.
- TMGC Info Session held on July 23, 2025.
 - followup questions sent from TMGC on September 10, 2025.

2026

- Three stock assessments undergoing update only; GB Cod and Yellowtail not to be updated.
- No changes anticipated in 2026 updated assessments that would alter fundamental differences or the interpretation of differences on advice.
- Proposing for 2026 updating the ISATS report by correspondence to improve efficiency.
- Draft 2026 ISATS report could be shared earlier, allowing for more time for review and feedback before finalization.

Detailed Proposal for 2026 ISATS

- ISATS Co-Chairs accepting comments on ISATS report at May 2026 TMGC intersessional meeting.
- Through **May 22**, additional comments or questions can be submitted on report format/content.
- **DFO assessments:** June 16–18 – EGB cod and haddock.
- **NOAA assessments:** June 29–30 – GB haddock; GB cod and yellowtail are not being updated this year.
 - TMGC members are encouraged to participate in both assessment meetings.
- ISATS report updated with new results - draft report shared by **July 10**.
- TMGC members may submit any additional questions by **July 17 (or July 22)**.
- ISATS Co-Chairs will consult with appropriate staff and update ISATS report as needed by **July 31**.

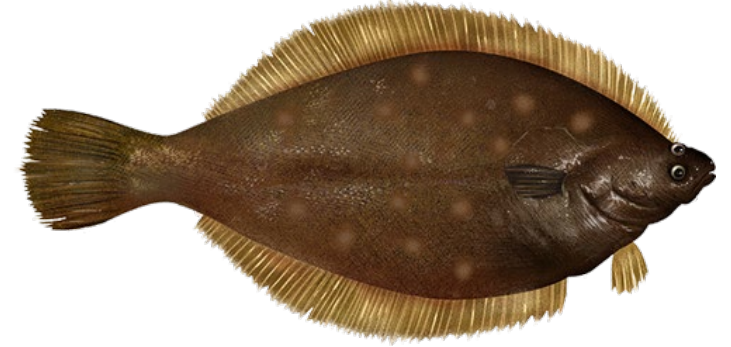
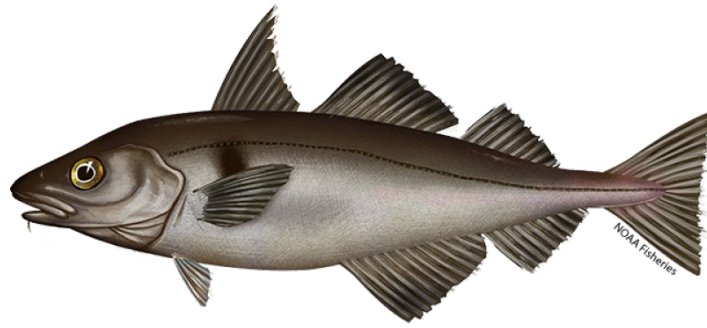
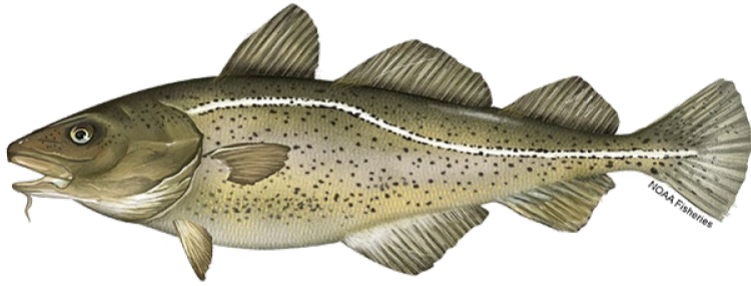
Other business/questions

2026

- Plan B (if required): required shift to a Plan B approach if an assessment fails peer review may affect reported model differences and necessitate a meeting of assessment leads, resulting in later ISATS report delivery timelines.
- TMGC info session – if desired, at which step should this info session be held?

2027

- Dates for 2027 ISATS process:
 - Discuss schedule for upcoming year at Fall TMGC meeting (timing for TSC and TMGC Info meetings and/or correspondence timelines as placeholders).
- Plan for review of ISATS process to evaluate whether steps, outputs, and timelines support intended outcomes.



US/Canada 2026 Schedule

TMGC Intersessional Meeting

May 7, 2026

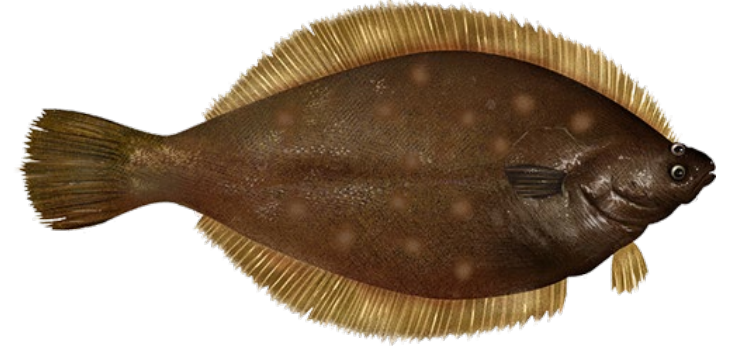
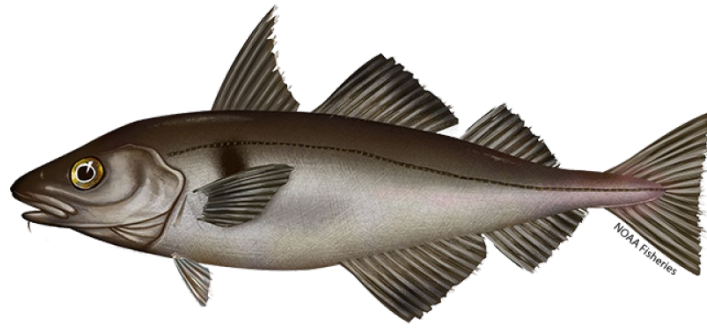
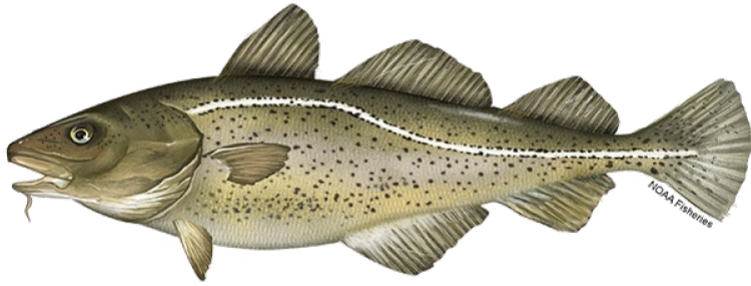
Planned Meetings in Process

- TMGC/SC – Spring Intersessional
 - TMGC:
 - May 7, 2026
 - Steering Committee:
 - May 13, 2026
- Assessments
 - Canada:
 - EGB Cod and Haddock: June 16-19, 2026
 - US:
 - GB Haddock: June 29-30
- TSC/TMGC Informational
 - TBD July 2026
- ISATS Report
 - August 1, 2026



2026 TMGC Advice/SC Meetings - Options

- Dates to avoid:
 - September:
 - 9/15-17 – New England Council Meeting
 - 9/21-25 – NAFO Meeting
 - October:
 - 10/6-8 – Mid-Atlantic Council Meeting
 - Canada input on dates to avoid
- US Host - Locations
 - Boston area, Providence area, other ideas
- Meeting Needs
 - In-person with webinar option, plenaries open to public with advanced notice
 - Improvements for meeting facilitation (breakout rooms, meals, timing, etc.)



TRAC Process Improvement Workshop - 2024

TMGC Intersessional Meeting

May 7, 2026

Facilitated Workshop – March 5-7, 2024, Halifax

- Participants

- Canada:

- Tara McIntyre, DFO – US/Canada Science Co-Chair
 - Tana Worcester, DFO – Director Strategic Planning and Program Integrity
 - Corrine Pomerleau, DFO – Director of Population Ecology Division
 - Jennifer Ford, DFO – Director of Resource Management and Licensing
 - Kathy Cooper-MacDonald, DFO – Senior Fisheries Management Officer
 - Alain d’Entremont, Industry – TMGC Co-Chair

- US:

- Tara Trinko Lake, NOAA – US/Canada Science Co-Chair
 - Mike Simpkins, NOAA – Director of Northeast Resource Evaluation and Assessment Division
 - Kristan Blackhart, NOAA – Chief of Northeast Population Dynamics Branch
 - Spencer Talmage, NOAA – Greater Atlantic Region Fisheries Policy Analyst
 - Daniel Salerno, NEFMC – TMGC Co-Chair
 - Cate O’Keefe, NEFMC – Executive Director of New England Fishery Management Council

Workshop Proposal – 2025 Implementation

- Assessments
 - Canada:
 - EGB Cod and Haddock: Annual updates 2025, 2026, 2027
 - GB Yellowtail: N/A
 - US:
 - GB Cod and Haddock: biennial updates 2026 – cod paused until 2027
 - GB Yellowtail: biennial updates 2025 – next update deferred until 2028 or later
- Technical Science Coordination (TSC) Meeting
 - Lead assessment scientists to share scientific advice from domestic assessments and prepare joint document of the domestic outcomes
 - To be held by the 2nd or 3rd week of July, annually
- TMGC Informational Session
 - Share compiled scientific advice
 - Completed prior to August 1st annually

Workshop Proposal – Technical Science Coordination

- Technical Science Coordination (TSC) Meeting
 - Closed session of stock assessment leads from US and Canada
 - Share information about domestic assessments and develop joint report
 - Provide scientific context for TMGC regarding domestic assessments
 - Includes:
 - Presentation of domestic models to US/Canadian scientists
 - Context of results
 - Advice (two sets of advice for cod and haddock, one for yellowtail)
- Intent
 - Focus on shared understanding of each other's assessments, without judgement or seeking to change each other's findings
 - Information may include:
 - Key values, confidence, uncertainties, and comments on the consistency between outputs of related models and potential causes of inconsistencies

Workshop Proposal – TMGC Informational Session

- TMGC/Science Co-Chairs Meeting
 - Completed report from TSC meeting (now called ISATS Report)
 - Provide scientific context from domestic models
 - Presented by Science Co-Chairs
 - Assessment leads available for any technical questions
 - Open to:
 - US/Canadian scientists
 - TMGC members
 - Other parties deemed appropriate by either country
- Intent
 - Not specifically described in Workshop Report
 - Workshop discussions included:
 - Mandates (US & Canada) for public meeting opportunities to hear science information
 - TMGC managers to understand key values, confidence, and uncertainties associated with domestic products in the context of joint management advice

Workshop Proposal – Annual Evaluation

- 2024 Workshop Recommendations
 - Brief “process review” in 2026
 - Following 2025 initial year rollout
 - Full evaluation in 2028
 - Following three years of application
- Process Review Workshop – Proposed 2028
 - “As the suggested changes for calendar year 2025 are new, the participants expressed interest in an annual process review, especially after the initial year. This would be followed by a larger review that would take place after three full calendar years, in 2028. The Working Group did not discuss the methods for these reviews; therefore, the approach can be discussed at future TMGC intersessional meetings.”

TMGC 2026 Intersessional Proposal – Evaluation

- 2025 US/Canada Process
 - US TMGC members did not participate in Oct 2025 meeting
 - No discussion of “brief process review” in 2026
 - Unanticipated disruptions to new process rollout
 - To date, workshop recommendations have not been fully implemented
- Process Review Workshop – Proposal for 2027
 - Consider compromise from 2024 Workshop recommendations
 - Maintain or change process recommendations for 2026 (TSC, ISATS Report, TMGC Informational)
 - Forego 2026 “brief process review”
 - Advance timing of 2028 “larger review”
 - 2027 Process Review
 - Gauging TMGC interest/availability/resources
 - Define focus and objectives
 - Timing: Q1 2027 with results to be applied for 2027 and beyond US/Canada processes
 - Contracted facilitator, in-person meeting, recommendations considered by TMGC/SC in Spring 2027