



## New England Fishery Management Council

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# Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) Webinar

**Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026**

**Time: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

### Agenda:

The Groundfish PDT will meet to discuss:

- **Framework Adjustment 72 / Specifications and Management Measures –**
  - **White hake overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for fishing years (FY) 2026-2030** - prepare for an upcoming Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting on January 21, 2026, and draft a PDT report on:
    - Consideration of the Council's request to reconsider the SSC recommendations for the white hake OFLs and ABCs for FY 2026-2030 based on setting the fishing mortality rate at 75% of the rate at maximum sustainable yield (75%  $F_{MSY}$ ),
  - Discuss preparation of the framework document for preliminary submission,
- **2026 Council Groundfish Priorities** – discuss a workplan for the Council's groundfish priorities for 2026, and
- Other business, as necessary

**Online access:** This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Register here: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/fV6GOVbqT7iTO6UnVc-z0g>.

Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

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