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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **November 6, 2026**

TO: Recreational Advisory Panel

FROM: Terry Alexander, Groundfish Committee Chair

SUBJECT: **Charge for Recreational Advisory Panel meeting on November 12, 2026**

The purpose of this memorandum is to help prepare the Recreational Advisory Panel for its meeting on November 12, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM via webinar.

MEETING PURPOSE. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: 1) Process and tools for recreational measures development for fishing year 2027; 2) Recreational fishing data for fishing year 2025 and preliminary fishing year 2026; 3) Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures; and 4) Other business, as necessary.

Topic	***Documents***	***Presentations/Discussion***	***Anticipated Motions/Outcomes***
Process and tools for recreational measures development for fishing year 2027	1	Receive an overview refresher from NEFSC staff of the recreational demand model and decision support tool used to develop recreational measures for Western Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock. Opportunity to ask questions and prepare for development of recreational measures in January 2027.	Discussion.
Recreational fishing data	1	Receive an overview from NEFSC staff of recreational fishing data for fishing year 2025 and preliminary fishing year 2026 (*if available*). Preliminary data discussion to prepare for development of recreational measures in January 2027.	Discussion.

Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures	2a-2b	Receive an update on the development of the action including the draft alternatives. *Key Discussion Questions:* Discuss the PDT's sub-component analysis. Provide feedback on the draft alternatives. Make recommendations to the Committee on preferred alternatives.	Discussion/Motions.

WEBINAR REGISTRATION. https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-12-2026-recreational-advisory-panel-webinar. To be able to view the webinar, listen, and speak; you must: 1) register for the webinar in advance; and 2) join the webinar on the day of the meeting (you can then select phone or computer for your audio connection). For the best audio and visual experience, update your Zoom desktop application prior to the meeting. Please join the webinar ten minutes prior to test audio and help the meeting start on time.

CONDUCT OF MEETING. Generally, *Roberts Rules of Order* are followed during Council committee meetings, and Council staff will work closely with the Chair to accommodate remote participation. Questions about presentations will be entertained before taking comments and motions. The Committee will have the first opportunity to weigh in, followed by the public. Individuals on the webinar should use the "raise hand" button when wishing to speak. The extent of public comment taken is at the discretion of the Chair. Please see the Council's *Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures* (Section 1.10) and the Council's *Operations Handbook* for more information about the conduct of meetings.

Voting Procedure.

A. **Making Motion:** The preferred approach is for AP and Committee members to e-mail motions to Council staff and the AP or Committee Chair.
B. **Seconding Motion:** AP and Committee: You can raise your hand in the room/webinar to second the motion. Council staff or the Chair will confirm this by voice, so it is clear who the maker and seconder of each motion are.
C. **Discussion on Motion:** The AP or Committee will have an opportunity to discuss each motion, followed by an opportunity for public comment. Please raise your hand if you would like to speak to a motion. After the AP or Committee has discussed a motion, the Chair will call on members of the public.
D. **Voting:** When the Chair is ready to call the vote, Council staff will do a roll call vote. Staff will provide the vote count, which will be confirmed by the Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, motions can also be approved by a show of hands or unanimous consent in lieu of a roll call vote.

QUESTIONS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT. If you have any questions about the meeting documents, agenda, or how to participate, please contact Robin Frede (rfrede@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 124)

or Mark Grant (mgrant@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 107). Staff would be happy to set up a practice webinar for you ahead of the meeting if that would be helpful.

MEETING MATERIALS. To make the most of our meeting time, please familiarize yourself with the documents beforehand and come ready to make any recommendations. As documents become available, they will be posted on the Council webpage: https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-12-2026-recreational-advisory-panel-webinar.

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Meeting Memorandum from Groundfish Committee Chair

Staff presentation

1. **Process and tools for recreational measures:** Presentation, NEFSC Staff
2. **Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures**
   a. Draft framework discussion document (includes draft alternatives and PDT analysis)
   b. Past Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting materials; see Groundfish Documents
3. **Other Documents:** Correspondence