



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Agenda

Groundfish Committee

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Thursday, March 26, 2015

- 9:00 AM Opening Remarks and Agenda Review
(*Frank Blount, Chairman*)
- 9:15 AM Brief Update on Proposed Actions for Groundfish FY 2015
(*Jamie Cournane, NEFMC*)
- 9:30 AM Overview of Council's Groundfish Priorities for 2015
(*Cournane*)
- 10:00 AM Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) Report
(*Bill Gerencer, GAP Chairman*)
- 10:30 AM *Break*
- 10:45 AM Amendment 18 (A18) - Fleet Diversity and Accumulation Limits
(*Rachel Feeney, NEFMC*)
 - Timeline
 - Affected Environment
 - Review Alternatives and Draft Impacts Analysis:
 - Accumulation Limits
 - Handgear A Fishery
 - Data Confidentiality
 - Inshore/Offshore Gulf of Maine
 - Redfish Fishery Exemption Area
 - Other A18 items
 - Committee potentially selects preferred alternatives (*Blount*)
 - Next Steps
- 12:00 PM *Lunch*
- 1:00 PM Continue A18 Discussion
- 2:45 PM *Break*
- 3:00 PM Continue A18 Discussion
- 4:30 PM Other Business
- 5:00 PM Adjourn
- 5:15 PM *Closed Session to Review Applications to Advisory Panels*