



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Agenda

Groundfish Committee

Hilton Garden Inn
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Thursday, September 3, 2015

- 9:30 AM Opening Remarks and Agenda Review
(Frank Blount, Chairman)
- 9:40 AM Report from the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)
(William Gerencer, Chairman)
- 10:00 AM Framework Adjustment 55 (Specifications FY 2016- FY 2018)
(Dr. Jamie Cournane, NEFMC)
- Update on the development of the action
 - Overview of the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee assessments for Eastern Georges Bank (EGB) cod, EGB haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
 - Discuss addition of new sector
 - Discuss other issues
- 11:00 AM *Break*
- 11:15 AM Amendment 18 (Fleet Diversity and Accumulation Limits)
(Rachel Feeney, NEFMC)
- Receive an overview of the public comment period
 - Review recommendations from the GAP
 - Develop, if necessary, final recommendations to the Council on preferred alternatives
- 12:15 PM *Lunch*
- 1:15 PM At-Sea Monitoring (ASM)
(Cournane and Jonathon Peros, NEFMC)
- Update on the development of the action
 - Review recommendations from the GAP
 - Discuss development of the alternatives
 - Discuss adding alternative(s) into FW 55
 - Discuss other issues
- 3:00 PM *Break*

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- 3:15 PM Recreational Fishing
 (*Blount and Cournane*)
- Discuss concerns raised by the recreational fishery regarding Gulf of Maine cod and haddock
- 4:00 PM Enforcement
 (*Capt. Kurt Virkaitis, US Coast Guard, Terry Alexander, Enforcement Chair, and Lou Goodreau, NEFMC*)
- Discuss enforcement concerns on EGB to improve identification of the separator panel within the trawl net
 - Discuss adding an alternative into FW 55
- 5:00 PM Other business
- 5:15 PM Adjourn