



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Meeting Agenda

#### Groundfish Committee Agenda

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**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

- 9:00 AM Opening Remarks and Agenda Review (*Frank Blount, Chairman*)
- 9:15 AM Framework Adjustment 55 (Specifications FY 2016- FY 2018, groundfish monitoring program, and other management measures)  
(*Dr. Jamie Cournane, NEFMC*)
  - Overview of draft alternatives and PDT's impacts analysis:
    - Status updates, ABCs, and OFLs for all groundfish stocks
    - Groundfish monitoring program
    - Adding a new sector
    - Process for adding new sectors
    - Transfer of Eastern Georges Bank cod to Western Georges Bank management area
    - GOM cod possession limit for the recreational fishery
    - Definition of a haddock separator trawl
  - Develop recommendations to the Council on preferred alternatives (after an overview presentation on each of the above items)
- 11:00 AM *Break*
- 11:15 AM Continue discussion
- 11:45 AM FW 55 - Discuss Scallop Fishery sub-ACL for SNE/MA yellowtail flounder
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:30 PM Continue FW 55 discussion
- 3:00 PM *Break*
- 3:15 PM Management Measures for Gulf of Maine fisheries for FY 2016
  - Review Recreational Advisory Panel recommendations
  - Develop recommendations to the Council for FY 2016 Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock recreational measures
- 4:00 PM Develop recommendations to the Council for 2016 priorities
- 4:30 PM Discuss GARFO's Recreational Implementation Plan and develop recommendations to the Council
- 5:00 PM Other business
- 5:15 PM *Adjourn*