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Meeting Agenda

Groundfish Committee Agenda

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Thursday, April 7, 2016

- 9:00 AM Opening remarks and agenda review (*Frank Blount, Chairman*)
- 9:15 AM Update on groundfish management actions for FY 2016 (*GARFO staff*)
- 9:30 AM Groundfish monitoring program
- Receive a presentation on PDT analysis, (*Jamie Cournane, PhD, NEFMC Staff*) with respect to the groundfish monitoring program, to assess whether:
 - CV requirements and methodologies are the most appropriate to verify area fished, catch and discards by species and gear type for the sector system, and;
 - ASM provides the sector fishery, recognizing heterogeneity within the fleet (e.g., trip length, homeport, etc.), the maximum flexibility to meet ASM goals and objectives.
 - Develop Committee recommendations to the Council on the possible alternatives for a monitoring action
- 10:30 AM *Break*
- 10:45 AM Continue discussion
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:45 PM Windowpane flounder management alternatives
- Receive an update on the development of a Council staff white paper examining the windowpane flounder issue (*Jonathon Peros, NEFMC staff*)
 - Develop Committee recommendations on next steps for the white paper
- 2:45 PM *Break*
- 3:00 PM Recreational management measures process
- Receive an update on the development of a Council staff white paper examining the recreational management measures process issue (*Cournane*)
 - Develop Committee recommendations on next steps for the white paper
- 3:30 PM Other business
- 4:00 PM *Adjourn*