



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Meeting Agenda

#### Groundfish Committee

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#### Monday, Sept. 12, 2016

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| 10:00 AM | Opening Remarks and Agenda Review ( <i>Terry Alexander, Acting Chairman</i> )  |
| 10:15 AM | Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) Report ( <i>Ben Martens GAP Chairman</i> )   |
| 10:45 AM | Groundfish Monitoring Action<br>( <i>Dr. Jamie Cournane, Council staff</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive a progress report from the Plan Development Team (PDT) on the white paper on monitoring strategies</li><li>• Develop recommendations to the Council</li></ul>   |
| 11:45 AM | Framework Adjustment 56 (FW 56) – specifications and management measures<br>( <i>Cournane</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive a PDT report that summarizes Atlantic halibut management and recent catch and effort for the directed fishery in the State of Maine</li><li>• Review a draft letter to the Secretary of Commerce/State of Maine on the halibut issue and make recommendations to the Council</li></ul> |
| 12:30 PM | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 1:30 PM  | FW 56 – <i>continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive a draft report from the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC)</li><li>• Discuss draft alternatives in FW 56 and make recommendations to the Council</li></ul>  |
| 4:30 PM  | Priorities for 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review recommendations from the advisory panels,</li><li>• Discuss possible groundfish priorities, and</li><li>• Develop initial recommendations to the Council</li></ul>  |
| 5:00 PM  | Other business   |
| 5:15 PM  | <i>Adjourn - immediately followed by a closed session of the Committee to review advisory panel applications.</i>  |