



New England Fishery Management Council

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AGENDA

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott  
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- 8:30 am Opening remarks and agenda review ..... (Stockwell)
- 8:45 am Framework Adjustment 57/Specifications & Management Measures.... (Stockwell/Cournane)
  - o Receive a report from the Transboundary Management and Guidance Committee (TMGC) on US/CA stocks – Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, Eastern GB (EGB) cod, and EGB haddock
  - o Receive a report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) on adjusting:
    - Common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs),
    - Atlantic halibut accountability measures (AMs), and
    - Windowpane flounder AMs for large mesh/non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder trawl fisheries)
  - o Discuss draft alternatives and make recommendations to the Council
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Continue Framework Adjustment 56 discussion
- 2:45 pm Amendment 23 Groundfish Monitoring Amendment.....(Stockwell/ Frede/Cournane)
  - o Review a draft outline prepared by the PDT of the likely range of alternatives
  - o Discuss the remitted Council motion from the June 2017 Council meeting regarding developing an industry workshop
  - o Make recommendations to the Council
- 4:00 pm Priorities ..... (Stockwell)
  - o Hold initial discussion of possible groundfish priorities for 2018, and
  - o Develop recommendations to the Council
- 4:30 pm Regulatory streamlining in response to recent Executive Orders .....(Cournane)
  - o Several recent Executive Orders have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved.
  - o Discuss whether there are any regulations in the Northeast Multispecies fishery management plan that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined.
- 5:00 pm Other business ..... (Stockwell)
- 5:30 pm Adjourn